

ENGINEER PETERS KILLED IN A WRECK

TRAINS CRASH AT SUISUN.

Accident Said to Be Due
to Neglect of a
Brakeman.

SUISUN, Cal., Dec. 31.—Through a misplaced switch the Oregon express train, fourteen hours late, ran into a gravel train standing on a side track at this place.

Engineer Herman L. Peters of the passenger train was killed and a passenger from Martinez slightly injured.

Both trains were badly wrecked.

The wrecked passenger train was No. 11 from Portland, known as the Shasta Express.

It should have arrived in San Francisco last night, but was delayed by the prevailing storm in Northern California.

The accident occurred this morning while the express was running as an extra.

The misplaced switch, which sent it on to the siding where the gravel train stood, is alleged to have been left open through the carelessness of a brakeman.

The gravel train was struck with great force, although Engineer Peters made every effort to avert the disaster.

He was the only man killed.

No one is reported to have been seriously hurt, though all the passengers were badly shaken up.

Herman L. Peters, the engineer who was killed in the wreck, lived at 941 Willow street, this city.

By his death, he leaves a widow and a baby fifteen months old.

Engineer Peters had been in the service of the Southern Pacific Company for about twelve years, and the officials at the West Oakland yards speak of him as being trustworthy, competent and as one of their most faithful employees.

The remains will be brought to this city for interment.

By order of Master Mechanic Russell, the flag over the round-house at the West Oakland yards has been placed at half mast out of respect to the memory of the dead engineer.

BRIGANDS MUST BE PUNISHED.

AMERICAN LEGATION DEMANDS
THAT ROBBERS BE GIVEN
DESERTS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31.—The American legation has sent another note to the Porte pointing out that the brigands who looted a caravan belonging to the American house of McAndrews and Forbes of Smyrna near Alesio, Asiatic Turkey, recently, have not yet been punished.

The note demands that prompt instructions be sent to the Governor of Eor, the district in which the outrage was committed, to arrest and punish the followers of the notorious Kurdish Chief, Ibrahim, who looted the caravan.

CHADWICK'S BAIL
IS TEN THOUSAND

CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.—Judge Elden, in the Criminal Court, to-day fixed the bail of Dr. Chadwick at \$10,000. Attorney Dewey stated that a bond for that amount will probably be ready when Dr. Chadwick arrives here.

Dr. Chadwick expressed much gratification when he learned that bail would be ready for the doctor upon his arrival here.

FEARS A TRIAL IN OAKLAND.

Burglar Kiniry Wants a
Hearing in Another
County.

P. David Kiniry, the Oakland "Raffles," and alleged murderer of Officer James Smith wants a change of venue to another county. His plea for change of place of trial is contained in the following affidavit:

"In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda.

"The People of the State of California, vs. P. David Kiniry.

"Affidavits and motion for change of venue.

"State of California, County of Alameda,—ss.

"P. David Kiniry, being duly sworn, says: That he is the defendant in the above entitled action; that he has been charged with the murder of one James Hume Smith by an information filed in this court by the District Attorney of the County of Alameda, State of California; that he did not kill James Hume Smith, and is not guilty of the crime alleged in the information filed by said District Attorney; that he believes that he cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial in the said county of Alameda, and in support of this he avers, upon his information and belief, as follows:

"That there is a great prejudice in the county of Alameda against this affiant; that James Hume Smith, whom affiant is accused of having killed, was a police officer of the city of Oakland, in said county, and was a man of wide acquaintance and great popularity; that said deceased was a brother of Hon. Mortimer Smith, Police Judge of the city of Oakland, a man known to practically all the inhabitants of the county of Alameda, a highly respected and popular citizen, and a prominent politician of said county; that all the members of the police force of the city of Oakland and all whom they can influence, and all the friends and acquaintances of said Mortimer Smith, believe affiant guilty, and desire to see him hanged, it will be impossible to obtain a fair jury to try affiant.

"That affiant has been widely advertised by the newspapers of Alameda County as a professional burglar and murderer; that said newspapers are widely read and are the basis for the opinions of a large proportion of the citizens of said Alameda County; that said newspapers have commented on affiant editorially, and he has been by them already tried, convicted, hanged, and consigned to everlasting punishment.

"That on the 17th day of December, 1904, George W. Brown, a police officer of the city of Oakland, was shot and killed on the public streets of said city by persons unknown, but supposed to be robbers; that said murder has aroused the citizens of Alameda County afresh and has made them eager for vengeance; that said

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BISHOP TALBOT WILL BE READY TO MEET PASTOR'S CHARGES

Mrs. Elliott, the Woman in the Case,
Pleased With Turn Affairs
Have Taken.



REV. DR. INGRAM N. W. IRVINE.

BISHOP ETHELBERT TALBOT.

PHILADELPHIA, December 31.—Great interest is still taken in the controversy between Bishop Talbot and the Rev. Dr. Irvine, the unfrocked pastor.

Dr. Irvine's counsel is here looking up evidence and the opinion now prevails that the trial of the Bishop will be one of the most interesting held in many years.

The charge that a number of signatures to the presentment against the Bishop were secured by fraud has added a new feature to the case.

Mrs. Elliott, the woman who figures in the case as the friend of the Bishop, has not yet made a public statement, but it is said that she will have an interesting story to tell when the case comes to trial.

Bishop Talbot has not yet made a complete statement for his defense, but he says he will be ready to meet the charges.

HUNTINGTON, Pa., December 31.—There is no abatement here in the interest in the controversy between Dr. Irvine, the deposed rector of St. John's Church, and Bishop Talbot of the Central Pennsylvania diocese. Especial interest was taken in the statements of some of the local signers that they had unwittingly signed the presentment.

James Denithorne, one of the men whose names are on the presentment, came out with a statement to-day, in which he said:

"When the subject of a review of the case was first broached to me it was in the shape of a nicely worded letter from Dr. Irvine to Mr. Miller. The letter asked that a review of the controversy be petitioned for with the idea of an amicable settlement of the differences between Bishop Talbot and Dr. Irvine. For the sake of the church Mr. Langdon and myself thought

it would be best to have the case reviewed."

MRS. ELLIOTT SAID
TO BE PLEASED

Mrs. Elliott appeared to be pleased when she learned that some of the Huntington signers had repudiated the presentment. She said:

"I knew there was something wrong about the proceedings and I do not think they will have much difficulty in finding the source of the trouble. I thought it was strange that John Langdon would appear as a presenter of charges against the Bishop, who confirmed him only last spring and whom he entertained at his home and table."

Henry W. Petriken, Mayor of this city and one of the witnesses called to the Reading inquiry, was the attorney for Dr. Irvine in the church and civil trials here. He says he does not see how the inquiry can proceed if the names of the signers are repudiated. He said:

"That repudiation must be made in a formal statement to the court of inquiry, otherwise the presentment will hold and the court must have jurisdiction. There is something strange about the entire proceedings and I am not qualified to express an opinion until I learn more of the facts."

James Denithorne declared tonight that Miller had received a telegram from Dr. Irvine in which the unfrocked priest asked Miller not to say anything and that he had written each of the presenters a letter explaining the alleged misrepresentation.

In reiterating his statement that he did not knowingly sign the presentment, John Langdon, the coal operator, said today:

"I am fully convinced that a plot was formed to get Denithorne and me into this controversy. Dr. Irvine hoped that our influence would lead right to his

case against Bishop Talbot. We will get after both Irvine and this man Miller and the whole truth will come out."

WHAT THE BISHOP'S
WIFE SAYS

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 31.—Bishop Talbot's friends have vainly urged him to make some statement for publication. Mrs. Talbot said today:

"I only wish the Bishop would talk freely for publication. It would be a very interesting chapter and would shed an entirely new light on this unfortunate matter. He has some very interesting letters that might be given to the public, although some of them are marked 'private.'"

"The Bishop feels that his position is a very difficult one, and to avoid criticism he has chosen to remain silent. He is still in office, and the other man is not. If the Bishop made a statement the newspapers and public would be more than likely to criticize him, arguing that Bishop Talbot, with all his power, was still pursuing the less fortunate and less powerful man. That is my husband's unfortunate position."

"If I had my way and my daughter here, Bishop Talbot would remain mute no longer, but would simply make a plain statement in justification of himself. There is much, very much, that he might tell, and I wish that he would. However, the Bishop is not governed in this instance, at least by me, and he will follow the line that he thinks best."

BANKER CELEBRATES GOLDEN WEDDING

SAN JOSE, Dec. 31.—Banker Edward McLaughlin and wife this morning celebrated their golden wedding at their residence with great splendor by observing a mass. Talented vocalists rendered the music, the altar decorations were all solid gold and the altar piece was of the most costly lace.

WILL TAKE PART
IN OREGON CASES

WASHINGTON, December 31.—Oliver E. Pagn of Chicago, special assistant attorney of the Department of Justice, has been sent to Oregon to assist in the prosecution of the land fraud cases.

FIRE IN A HIGH BUILDING.

Chicago Property Valued
at \$600,000 is
Destroyed.

CHICAGO, December 31.—A fire that started today on the second floor of the seven-story brick building in West Van Buren street occupied by the Cash Buyers' Union, destroyed property valued at \$600,000.

Spreading rapidly, the fire soon assumed such large proportions that the whole district was in danger and a second alarm was sent in, followed by a series of extra calls for additional men and apparatus. When the fire penetrated to the adjoining building, occupied by the Zeno Manufacturing Company, a four-story structure the firemen were ordered to the roofs of adjacent buildings to fight the flames. Within a few minutes the fire had gutted the structure and spread to the Boston Rubber Paint Company. Then the flames, cracking the brick walls of the building, spread to 160-2 West Van Buren street, causing heavy damage to the Peninsular Stove Company, which firm occupies the seven floors.

PIERCE BLAZE.

So fierce did the blaze become that burning sparks, carried by a high gale, were driven far over the district and buildings blocks away caught fire.

With a detonation that was heard for squares an explosion in the Cash Buyers' Union building tore up the streets and sidewalks throwing firemen into the air and knocking the live wires of the Van Buren street electric car line down. Fred Blocki, a fireman was struck on the head by falling bricks and severely injured. Crushing down through the walls of the structure adjoining came the towering walls of the Peninsular Stove Company and those of the Cash Buyers' Union tottered and collapsed.

SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS.

A series of small explosions followed the fall of the walls. A two-story frame dwelling at 163 West Van Buren street, occupied as a rooming house, was crushed like a shell by the falling walls. The inmates escaped to the street but were unable to save any of their clothing. The stable occupied by the Fortune Brothers' Brewing Company were gutted. The horses were saved.

There was a small panic on the Metropolitan Elevated Railway when the motormen rushed their cars through the smoke. The passengers attempted to get out but were held in check by the guards. When the explosion occurred the windows in the residences across the street were shattered and chimneys were thrown down. Firemen who were in the path of the falling walls escaped death by leaping into a hole that was being dug at the east side of a frame building.

The fire is pronounced by Chief Campion to have made more rapid headway than any in his experience since the great fire of 1871.

THE LOSSES.

The principal losses are: Seven-story brick building at 162-4 West Van Buren street, \$75,000; Peninsular Stove Company \$200,000; 158-60 Van Buren street; seven-story brick building \$75,000; Cash Buyers' First National Co-operative Society \$100,000; 164-6 West Van Buren street, five-story brick building \$50,000; Rubber Paint Company \$40,000; Zeno Manufacturing Company \$20,000.

TIME EXTENDED
ON FRANCHISE

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31.—The City Council has granted an extension of one year for the franchise given to the San Diego Eastern Railway Company several years ago. A committee representing the directors is now in the East looking after details of financing the railroad.

CHADWICK ARRIVES IN PORT.

He Will Go to Cleveland
As the Guest of
Sheriff Barry.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Dr. Chadwick of Cleveland, who is under indictment in Cleveland, with his wife, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, for uttering a forgery, reached here today on the steamer Pretoria. Dr. Chadwick and his daughter occupied one of the poorer staterooms in the second cabin.

Dr. Chadwick will not be placed under arrest, but will go to Cleveland as the guest of Sheriff Barry who is an old friend.

Dr. Chadwick gave the Associated Press a long interview on his arrival. In reply to questions, he said:

HE IS SHOCKED.

"I am inexpressibly shocked by the recent turn of events. I am innocent of all charges against me and can point with pride to a 35-year residence in Cleveland. I am entirely without information as to the case except what I read in the papers and what you have been good enough to tell me. So I can say nothing of the awful charges against my wife. My life the past few weeks has been a living death, and I hope no one will ever go through what I have undergone. When I recovered from my illness in Paris my financial resources made it necessary for me to travel second cabin. I insisted that my daughter go first class but the noble girl refused and has kept at my side, cheering me in my dark hour of troubles proving to me more and more what a splendid woman she is.

PLEADS IGNORANCE.

"I know little of Mrs. Chadwick's financial affairs, and until I find out the details will say nothing. I am overwhelmed by the charges against her."

Dr. Chadwick read the Associated Press dispatch from Cleveland that Mrs. Chadwick had been measured by the Bertillon system. As he finished the reading he groaned aloud and as he turned to the correspondent, tears rolled down his cheeks.

"This is the last straw," he said, "measuring her in that way. I am absolutely innocent. And you say poor old Chadwick is very ill? Poor man, I know him but little, but I am sure he is innocent."

The correspondent then told Dr. Chadwick the statement that has been made that Mrs. Chadwick is believed to be Madame Devere. He fell back stunned.

BELIEVES IN WIFE.

"Madame Devere," he cried, "I don't believe that such a thing can be possible. If she is I have never suspected it and do not for a moment believe it."

"I cannot think Mrs. Chadwick guilty of anything. I do not know the charges but she cannot be guilty."

Asked about his financial resources, he said "If what the papers says is true, I am homeless and without a dollar. Oh, it is hard for one at my time of life to come to this."

"To make my situation clear, I have in contemplation the writing of a book. I will show the world everything."

"You say my wife is accused of being Madame Devere. Did I look into her history? Think of my position. I was a widower with an invalid sister, my mother in bed with a fractured leg, my eight-year-old daughter motherless. I would like to know some one who would take interest in my household."

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AUCTION SALE

Of all the fine machinery of the Central Plating Mill, on Williams street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, and San Pablo and Telegraph aces, Oakland, Cal., Tuesday, January 3, at 10:30 a. m. Comprising extra fine mill machinery, shafting, belting, office furniture, etc. This mill cost over \$1,000 to fit up and is nearly new. All must and will be sold. Send for catalogue.

J. A. MUNRO & CO., Auctioneers, 1007 Clay street, Oakland; telephone Brown 141.

WANT TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES

Governor is Taking Hand in Scaling Expenses.

The following dispatch from Sacramento contains some interesting political news.

A million Mr. William H. Wadsworth, who is a member of the Legislature, has just made a statement in which he is authority for the statement that the new effort for the

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This sum was divided into \$71,753 for the school and \$8,000 for the Assembly hall. The school was to be built on the site of the old school and the Assembly hall was to be built on the site of the old hall. It is the intention of the board that these sums be used for the purpose of building the school and the Assembly hall and that the sums be reduced within a reasonable period of time.

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With only a few state legislators scheduled to arrive in the state capitol building, the few members of either house who arrive in Sacramento. A large number of the lawmakers who can hope to secure a quietude and treatment have returned to their homes in various parts of the state, and at the same time, the hotels expect a large influx of legislators.

tomorrow and from that time until Monday morning the incoming trains will bring the strikers in one number. Although next Monday is a legal holiday the Legislature will convene according to the law which requires the session to open on the first Monday in January. An adjournment will then probably be taken until Tuesday morning.

Opinion is divided among the legislators who are here as to the probability for the first caucus on the Speakership. While some maintain the opinion that the caucus will be next Sunday night others hold the belief that the will be no meeting to decide the question until after the Assembly has convened.

Allying the Speaker's fight in general interest in the contest for chief clerk of the Assembly between the like Sleppach and the well known San Franciscoan, Alvin C. Boyd who held the position last term. John Stafford and William L. Phillips, both of Sacramento ate on the ground buttonholing the arriving Assemblymen in the midst of their fight for

sergeant at arms of the lower house. The former held the post on last year but his family's friends are strongly supporting him.

While the aspirant for the United States Senatorial top have made arrangements for the opening of their headquarters here the lieutenant of none of the candidates have tried to begin the

The celebrated Mr O Grady had just

I refused to take one of their life preservers, he explained to the woman, diving crowd on the shore.

Steve said Alvin bring me the biggest tree in California and set it up in my back yard.

You thundering fool, said the general, I can't do that. I have, don't you

...the Southern Public? It would bank
...pitching another frightful roar, the
...game disappeared

(From a Chicago Tribune)

Last month had a record in the ways that Chicago is notable for the election of a President by a phenomenal majority. There was a greater approval to unanimity in the choice of a Chief Magistrate than has been known for long seasons of years. The month which

has just closed is a memorable one for the further reason that not a single person was lynched during its thirty days.

A tale of a citizen who nobody would have thought fit worthy of comment. The public was not accustomed to lynching. It did not look for them except on the frontier—in mining camps where there were no officers of the law.

Since then lynching has become the most conspicuous American crime. It has become so frequent that last month is the first one since 1885 which has a clear record—in which not a single case has been reported.

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THE LATEST NEWS OF THE DAY=4:30 P. M.

CONVICTS
LAID IN
THE GRAVEBrave Guard Jolly, is on
the Road to
Recovery.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 31.—Dr. C. F. Gladding, the physician at the Folsom State Prison, stated today that Guard Jolly, who was dangerously wounded by being shot in the mouth in the break of convicts last Thursday, spent a quiet night and at present no fears of blood poisoning or other complications setting in are feared.

His recovery is practically assured. Captain Murphy is entirely out of danger but is still very sore from the wounds on his back made by the knife in the hands of Convict Findley and by his fall on the iron curb.

He will be able to be out and around in a few days but will be lame until the wound in his thigh, in which eleven stitches were taken, heals.

"Rough House," Kelly, whose left leg was amputated yesterday, is reported by Dr. Gladding as being in a very critical condition, due to the shock of the operation and to the other wounds which he received.

The other wounded prisoners, Carson and Quezada, the former of whom had his leg shattered and the latter lost an arm, are reported as being in good condition and on a fair road to recovery.

The dead convicts were buried today in the prison grave yard.

TRANSPORT SAILS
FOR MANILA.THE THOMAS LEAVES PORT
WITH TROOPS AND
OFFICERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The United States army transport Thomas sailed today for Manila, via Honolulu and Guam. She carried a large number of passengers, among whom were Brigadier-General Moore and Major Tibbels, who will inspect Camp McKinley at Honolulu. The troops on board include 350 enlisted men for the Fifth, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth battalions, field artillery, 500 recruits, 230 infantry and 274 cavalry, and six officers and members of the hospital corps.

MARTIAL LAW
IS DECLARED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The State Department has been advised by Minister Russell at Bogota that martial law has been declared in the Departments of Cudamarcos and Santander. The dispatch states that this action was rendered necessary by the activity of the revolutionists in Venezuela.

STRANDED VESSEL
IS A WRECK

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 31.—The stranded steamer Northwestern, bound from Porto Rico to New York, which went ashore on Diamond Shoals and from which the crew were rescued with great difficulty, broke in two today and the full cargo of Texas oil ran into the ocean.

PRESIDENT
TAKES A
WALKDid Not Wait for Secret
Service Men to Ac-
company Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, left the White House today and went for a walk down Pennsylvania avenue.

It is unusual for the President to appear walking on the business streets of the city; in fact so far as is known, this is the first time he has walked alone. Pennsylvania avenue since he entered the White House.

He frequently does, in fact, almost invariably, walk from the White House to church on Sundays, but even then he is accompanied by Secret Service officers who follow him discreetly at a short distance.

Today, however, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt left the White House unaccompanied.

In a few minutes the officers learned of their departure from the house and a little while later located them on Pennsylvania avenue. President and Mrs. Roosevelt were recognized instantly and as they walked along the avenue were the recipients of marked and respectful attention.

LITTLE CHICO
CREEK OVERFLOWS

CHICO, Cal., December 31.—Little Chico creek overflowed its banks last night. A number of cellars, basements and part of the city near the creek were flooded. A report from Durham states that a span of the steel bridge fell into the creek, causing serious damage.

CRUISERS TO VISIT
MARSHALL ISLAND

MELBOURNE, Victoria, December 31.—The Argus intimates that the British cruisers Cadmus and Torch, which recently sailed for the Tonga Islands will also visit the Marshall Islands in connection with the possible coaling there of vessels belonging to the Russian Second Pacific Squadron.

NO CHANGE IN
THE WAGE SCALE

WASHINGTON, December 31.—Assistant Secretary Darling of the Navy Department, who has direct supervision over the matter of labor employment in the various navy yards and stations, today issued an order that the existing scale of wages of mechanics and others shall be practically unchanged during the calendar year 1905. Strong efforts have been made to induce the department to change the scale, either for the benefit of the men or in the interests of economy.

WHY HALL WAS
REMOVEDWall of New Building
Falls and Breals
Water Main.

PORTLAND, Ore., December 31.—Advices from Washington that the President had removed District Attorney John H. Hall from office created profound surprise in this city. It came as the climax to rumors that have been heard upon the street and around the courthouse for several days.

It had been intimated that since the Grand Jury began its investigation Mr. Hall's name had figured to a greater or less extent and that trouble was probably ahead for him. That Mr. Heney had taken some action in reference to Hall and that Hall's name was withheld from being sent to the Senate for confirmation before the holiday adjournment of Congress by virtue of information furnished the Department of Justice by Mr. Heney had been suspected and seemed to bear confirmation when the announcement of Hall's removal was made from the national capital.

Ever since the fact became known that the President had not sent Mr. Hall's appointment to the Senate for confirmation there has been speculation as to the probable cause for the delay and it was then hinted that the reason was assignable to the land fraud investigations.

While the exact nature of the charges has not been made known, it is generally believed that they are in the character of shielding those supposed guilty people from indictment and prosecution for complicity in the frauds. There has been heard no direct intimation that the Federal District Attorney had been guilty of wrong.

RACE ENTRIES FOR
MONDAY.

First race—Turf course; 4-year-olds and up; selling.

7671 Wadley 103
7672 Vulcan 103
7673 Inspector Munro 103
7674 J. H. Bennett 104
7675 Constant 99
7676 J. H. Harrison 104
7677 Morrell 99
7678 Emma Reubold 99
7679 Rene 97
7680 Alta G. 102
7681 Georgia Black 93
7682 Hulford 100

Second race—3 furlongs; 2-year-olds; purse.

Arden (Pigiron-Galton) 111
F. W. Barr (Kismet-Jennie) 114
Dartana (Solitaire-George VI) 111
Aresallator (Instigator-Arestus) 114
Chief Witman (Rubicon-Arilla B) 114
Bellevue (Pearl-Romance-Spinch) 111
Sis Wilfred (Assay-Plumet) 114
Key Route (Wernberg-Cadenza) 111
Yolo Girl (Portland-Charm) 111
Im Joe (Joe Terry-Puss) 114
Sis Hopkins (Leiber Karl-Margaret) 111
Abe Meyer (Tyrant-Location) 111

Third race—6 furlongs; 4-year-olds; purse.

7686 Judge 108
7687 Dora L. 102
7688 T. B. Shaw 104
7689 Rowers 100
7690 Captain Forster 105
7691 Ishland 103

Fourth race—1 1/8 miles; 3-year-olds and up; New Year's Handicap \$2,000 added.

7692 Lella 105
7693 Military Man 105
7694 Ananias 108
7695 Gold Money 108
7696 Rockaway 114
7697 Claude 103
7698 Bombardier 103

Fifth race—7 furlongs; 4-year-olds and up; selling.

7699 Haven Run 98
7700 Revolt 107
7701 So. Lichtenstein 109
7702 Batidor 96
7703 Placent 104
7704 Dora L. 102
7705 Trappster 99
7706 Brennus 109
7707 The Lieutenant 101
7708 The Pretter 112
7709 Bill Massie 101

Sixth race—1 mile, 50 yards; 3-year-olds; purse.

7710 Hooligan 107
7711 Downpatrick 106
7712 Big Beach 106
7713 A. Muskoday 110
7714 Perryman 106
7715 Lady Goodrich 105
7716 Arn 114
7717 Apprentice Allowance.

STEAMERS COLLIDE
ON THE BAY

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—The steam schooner Newberg, in backing from her berth today, crashed into the side of the Government steamer Gilia at Mission. The collision was crowded with many people who were watching the collision.

The collision occurred at the foot of the cable car line, where the two vessels were backing from their berths. The Newberg was backing from the berth and the Gilia was backing from the berth. The collision occurred at the foot of the cable car line, where the two vessels were backing from their berths.

SEVEN YEARS
FOR "HEFT"

STOCKTON, December 31.—Charles Reynolds, three weeks from Pittsburg, was today sentenced by Judge Nutter to seven years in San Quentin for grand larceny in having stolen a bicycle. He pleaded guilty. Reynolds was also sentenced to the theft of a suit of clothes from a valise left at the Santa Fe depot.

HEAVY RAINS
IN THE SOUTH

SAN DIEGO, December 31.—A heavy rainfall is reported from various places in this county today. It began in the city at 8 o'clock this morning and had not diminished at noon, at which time over half an inch had fallen. It is expected that the storm will continue all day. The benefit to the country is enormous.

A lump of soda laid up on the drain of the kitchen sink will prevent its becoming clogged with grease. If this should have already occurred, pour down very strong and quite boiling soda water the last thing at night. Some of this will remain in the upper part of the pipe, where it will do its cleansing work during the night and be swept away with the first flush of water in the morning.

STORM
IN THE
SOUTHWall of New Building
Falls and Breals
Water Main.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Rain which commenced to fall in Los Angeles at 10 o'clock last night, continued intermittently until 10 o'clock this morning.

The total fall recorded here during that time is 1.69 inches making the total for the season 3.57 inches. At San Luis Obispo 1.50 was recorded.

The rain also appeared general farther south. The benefit to growing crops will be great. Vegetation will be revived and plowing and the planting of crops can proceed. The necessity for irrigation of the fruit crop will be lessened and the crop greatly benefited.

Some damage was done throughout this city by the rain which fell heavily between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning.

The street superintendent estimates the damage to new streets, gutters and curbing at about \$2000.

The east retaining wall of the new Billicke-Rowan \$750,000 hotel, under course of construction at Fifth and Spring streets, caved in with the weight of the water-soaked earth, broke the water mains and flooded the excavation, doing damage to the extent of several thousand dollars. Other slight damage is reported at various points over the city.

SYMPATHY FOR
ACCUSED MEN

NAPA, Dec. 31.—In spite of the inflammatory newspaper accounts of the killing of patient Joseph H. Louis at the State Hospital for the Insane, there are many people here who have great sympathy for T. D. Shanahan and Oscar Reitzman, the two attendants charged with the murder.

A great crowd, composed chiefly of the friends of the accused, attended the session of the court, when Shanahan and Reitzman were arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Among the spectators were many who, while they deprecated undue violence in handling insane patients, said that there were extenuating circumstances in this case that should in some way be taken into account in the punishment of the accused. These persons said that Louis was known as a most dangerous man and that he had made a violent attack on Shanahan and Reitzman as they entered his cell. They fought him with whatever weapons they could lay hands on and inflicted injuries that caused his death. Neither of the accused men will discuss the case.

On Tuesday next the court will set a day for the preliminary examination of the defendants.

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SACRAMENTO, December 31.—When the Legislature meets here next Monday the members will find nearly \$10,000,000 in the vaults of the State treasury with which to operate.

The approximate sum on hand at noon today was \$9,231,032.92.

One-third of the money on hand is represented by school certificates, which are considered at the treasury as good as gold.

San Francisco today paid into the treasury her first installment of taxes, amounting to \$2,248,119.29.

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FALLS TO
FLOOR IN
A FAINT.Mrs. Chadwick Overcome
When She Hears of
Husband's Arrest.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 31.—With tears streaming down her face and wringing her hands in nervous excitement, Mrs. Chadwick today listened in the corridor of the county jail to the reading of the Associated Press dispatches telling of the scenes enacted aboard the steamer Pretoria, incidental to the taking into custody of her husband, Dr. Chadwick, by Sheriff Barry.

Mrs. Chadwick was unable to control her feelings and interrupted the reading of the dispatches with almost every word with some comment.

"Oh, my poor husband," she exclaimed between her sobs. "To think that he must be dragged into these terrible charges against me. He is innocent of any wrong doing."

For a moment the woman continued her rapid walk up and down the narrow confines of the corridor. Then she suddenly stopped and tottered and, throwing up her arms, fell to the floor in a faint. She was carried to a cot by the jail attendants and later became more calm. Mrs. Chadwick requested that her son, Emil Hoover, and her nurse, Freda, be sent for and they soon arrived and were admitted.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Four men near dead from the fumes of gas were pulled from the brink of eternity this morning by the prompt efforts of Mrs. J. F. Yparagiro of 1447 Powell street. The victims of the asphyxiation are D. Aguerreberry, P. Ybarra, P. Bodagary and Juan Navasquez, and they are all at the Central Emergency Hospital, where hope is entertained for their recovery.

It is a case of the old story of "Don't blow out the gas" falling on unheeding ears. The men are foreigners—three Frenchmen and a Basque—and had been warned repeatedly to let well enough alone in the matter of gas fixtures. But their curiosity got the better of them, and they proceeded to experiment last night, with a most fatal result to themselves.

They are immigrants and arrived in San Francisco from the fatherland only a week ago. They can speak only English, and went immediately to the French quarter, where they secured a room at the boarding-house of Mrs. Yparagiro. Their room is in the first floor, just back of the parlor, and three of them slept in one bed, with the fourth on a cot placed against the folding doors.

They had been warned to go to bed early, as it was dangerous to burn the gas if they did not understand its use. It is not known at what time they retired last night, but the illuminant being an American innovation unknown in sunny France, they proceeded to play with it, blowing it out when they got sleepy.

When Mrs. Yparagiro came downstairs at half-past eight o'clock she noticed a strong odor of gas and traced it to their room. She immediately pulled open the folding doors and rushed to the windows, which she raised. The four victims were unconscious, hardly breathing, and all her efforts could not rouse them. She called to her husband, who in turn rushed for the police.

In the patrol wagon and the ambulance the four were hurried to the Central Emergency Hospital, where they were pumped full of salt solution by Drs. Stephens and Glover. Three of them are still unconscious, but the Basque, Navasquez, has partly regained his senses. One of the cases is desperate and requires a treatment of oxygen, but it is hoped that all of them will recover.

All four of them would have been dead when the landlady found them had it not been for a broken pane of glass through which a little fresh oxygen filtered. The men themselves, however, had closed every possible aperture before they went to sleep.

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MERCHANTS
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SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—That was a jolly lot of old dogs who raised pandemonium at the Merchants' Exchange this morning. It is the custom to do stunts on the last day of the year not in Roberts' Rules of Procedure, and today the brokers of the grain trade of the Merchants' Exchange could any previous effort. The celebration began unexpectedly early and by the time the "sand and sawdust" element discovered what was doing the doors were locked—double locked—and about forty members were caught in the trap. Flour bags were soon piling up their contents upon the sliding glass doors, while firecrackers and huge bombs created a maelstrom of noise and confusion. The windows were shattered and a score of years danced then to the music of bursting bombs.

Men who haven't indulged in anything more frivolous than a "raffle" for twelve months drew their hats in the air and joined in the frolic that has become an annual institution.

Seeing the old year out was never so joyously done here by the brokers. The exchange will shortly be removed to its new quarters and the old board rooms will never again witness such a scene. The commotion attracted several hundred people to the vicinity and many in the crowd which blocked the streets faced badly at the hands of the big-wigs.

The chief conspirators in the melee were Harry Wilson, William C. Miller, Waterman, Leo Rosenthal, Ed. Cutter, Moseley and Presser.

The Exchange will not remove to its new quarters early next month.

DIED.

CUSNAHAN.—In this city, December 31, 1904, Francis Cusnahan, a native of Ireland, aged 38 years.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral Monday, January 2, 1905, at 10 o'clock a.m. from the funeral parlors of James McManus, Seventh and Castro streets. Interment at Mount Hope cemetery, Oakland Alliance, No. 2, St. Pa. A. of A.; also Division No. 5, O. H. will please attend.

CORRIGAN.—In this city, December 31, 1904, Peter, beloved husband of Catherine Corrigan, and father of Mrs. E. C. Schenck, passed away at his residence, a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, aged 79 years 9 months and 22 days.

OAKLAND CREMATION
ASSOCIATION

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is now complete and a general invitation is extended to all to inspect the same. Visitors will find the most complete and up-to-date crematory and Columbarium in the world.

Don't be afraid to ask questions as we take pleasure in answering them. Inquiries concerning the art of cremation.

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L O D G I N G H O U S E S.
50 rms.; rent \$130; lease \$500.
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25 rooms; fully furnished; price \$1200.
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40 rms.; on Broadway; lease; price \$2500.
24 rms.; 2nd floor; rent \$120; price \$1200.
12 rms.; home-like; lease; price \$500.
8 rms.; a beauty; only \$375; bargain.
21 rms.; on 14th St.; rent \$120; price \$1200.
1/2 down on all these houses; balance on easy terms.

WANTED.—A small second-hand water motor; address A. Z. Boynton, General Delivery, Oakland, Cal.

FOUND.—Lady's umbrella, Dec. 26, on Frigate street. Owner, who desires to be paid for providing prompt and paying for the above ad. Call 256 8th st.

SUNNY south room with grate; also room for gentleman, 1427 Franklin st. FINE furnished front suite; single rooms; cheap. 217 12th st.

A LADY to rent sunny room in newly furnished home; beautiful neighborhood and surroundings; home privileges. Box 921, Tribune Office.

A GRAY—Rooming-house for sale, cheap owners leaving; complete furnished and full of roomers. 517 19th st.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—3 second-hand horses, fine oak sideboard, walnut wardrobe, set of driving horses. Call Sunday or Monday, 1653 West st., corner 22d; no dealers.

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The Promise of the New Year.

The beginning of a new year always revives faded hopes and arouses new ones. It is a starting point for new enterprises, new resolutions and fresh aspirations. The mistakes and disappointments of the past are put behind and the face is turned hopefully toward the future. But financial and social conditions have a large influence in stimulating optimism and discouraging pessimism. If times are hard, money scarce and conditions the reverse of hopeful, the new year is not greeted with the same enthusiasm nor does it give so fair a promise as when more prosperous conditions prevail.

The new year opens for Oakland with peculiar promise. A more encouraging prospect was never before the inhabitants of this city; and behind them is a succession of years of plenty and prosperity. During the last five years the city has grown with remarkable rapidity, its population has increased far beyond expectation and its general improvement has been extraordinary. The number of inhabitants has passed the one hundred thousand mark and is increasing at an unprecedented rate. Building improvements are proceeding at an extraordinary rate, and new manufactures are constantly being added to the many industrial plants already located here.

A notable advance has been observed since the advent of the Santa Fe Railroad, which has made Oakland the terminus of another great transcontinental route. But the coming of the Western Pacific, which is now under course of construction, will be a vastly greater benefit than was derived from the advent of the Santa Fe. It will make Oakland the terminus of a third great transcontinental system, and more than that, will make this city the shipping depot of the product of the Tesla coal mines. With the deepening of the harbor which now seems practically assured, a third overland railroad will give this city a tremendous impetus.

Nor is the Southern Pacific behind in making improvements. That great system is now constructing new freight yards in West Oakland, and is erecting a new ferry depot at immense cost at the Alameda mole. It is also preparing to construct an extensive system of wharves and docks on the south side of the harbor channel, and has under contemplation a passenger depot at the Sixteenth-street station. Moreover, there is reason to believe that the company contemplates installing an electric system on its local railways on this side the bay. These projected improvements will cost a vast sum that will enter into building up this city and add to its commercial facilities.

To this brief summary of what the future holds for us may be added the expenditure of nearly a million dollars in new school buildings and other improvements for our educational system. When we look at the past we feel gratified; when we look forward we feel stimulated and encouraged. The future is bright for this city, and the TRIBUNE feeling confident that its promises will be fulfilled, wishes to each and every one of its readers a Happy New Year.

Apportionment of School Money.

Governor Pardee has taken great personal interest in the public schools ever since he took the executive chair, and when he speaks on educational topics is usually worth hearing and pondering. That he desires to perfect the public school system and to increase its efficiency cannot be doubted, but it is exceedingly doubtful if his proposition to change the basis of apportionment of the school fund will meet with popular approval. It is commendable in many respects, but will operate to the financial disadvantage of the large cities. The school fund is now apportioned to the children of school age, no matter whether they attend the public schools or not. In San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles thousands of children attend the parochial and private schools, but the school departments of those cities draw money out of the school fund for them just the same.

The Governor proposes to make average daily attendance the basis of apportionment. This would operate to the advantage of the rural communities and to the disadvantage of the cities.

Oakland, for instance, draws a pro rata sum for each of the several thousand children attending parochial and private schools which she would lose if the law be changed in accordance with the Governor's suggestion. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Jose would also lose heavily.

Undoubtedly the change suggested by the Governor would put an end to the dishonest practice in vogue in some communities of padding the school census. Los Angeles is now drawing on the school fund for 6000 or 7000 fictitious children. Some years ago it was discovered that the school census of San Francisco was padded to the extent of several thousand names. This operates as a swindle on the other sections of the State.

There is an element of justice in dividing the school money up in ratio to average daily attendance, yet doing so would operate as a fine on those communities which support private schools and thus prevent overcrowding in the public schools.

In Oakland more than 5000 children of school age attend parochial and private schools. If they were forced into the public schools, there would not be sufficient schoolroom to accommodate them and the cost of maintaining the department would enormously increase. Thus people who send their children to the public schools derive a distinct advantage and benefit from parents who send their children to private schools. Because of the existence of the parochial and private schools, the public schools afford better accommodations and a more thorough system of instruction.

In the country, where population is sparse, only one kind of a school can be maintained—the public school. There are no private or parochial schools, hence the average daily attendance is much larger in proportion to the number of children of school age than it is in the larger cities.

The funds now received from the State are barely sufficient to maintain the public schools of Oakland. Should the city lose the money now drawn on account of the children in the private and parochial schools the efficiency of the public schools would have to be cut down or a special tax would have to be levied each year to make up the deficiency. Therefore, it will be seen that the change suggested by the Governor is of vital interest to the parents and taxpayers of this city.

John Muir, the eminent naturalist, is quoted as saying, "The smallest forest reserve I ever heard of was the Garden of Eden, and its boundaries were drawn by the Lord himself and embraced only one tree, and yet even so moderate a reserve as this was attacked." We cordially agree with his conclusions, but Mr. Muir is wrong in his assumption that there was only one tree in the Garden of Eden. Only an apple and a fig tree are specifically mentioned in the Bible, but the inference to be drawn from the narrative in Genesis is that the Garden contained many varieties of fruit, flowering and shade trees since it was the ideal spot fashioned to be the perfect abode of man. But Eve ate the forbidden fruit and began to dress herself up in fig leaves. Since then Adam has kept on working and eating forbidden fruit with Eve, who still finds dressmaking—and wearing—one of her most delightful pursuits.

"Whither are we drifting?" inquires the Santa Cruz Sentinel. Toward the future, according to our compass.

It is an old and accepted saying that "lookers-on see the most of the game." Its acceptance justifies the expression of a lay opinion upon a subject which has often been under consideration in connection with educational questions, and which has been in evidence during the session of the California Teachers' Association in this city.

The statement is frequently made, in effect, that the university is the capstone of the State educational system, and that the function of the common and high schools is to lead up to the University.

This is an idea which may be challenged. It is a matter of fact that a large majority of the pupils of our common school do not take the high school course, and that an equally large majority of high school students do not go to the University.

In the light of these facts it is wise or just to arrange common and high school courses with reference to qualifying pupils for admission to the university unless it can be shown that such courses are the best preparation for the life work of the great majority of our public school pupils?

An apt illustration of this question came up this week in connection with the teaching of physics and chemistry in our high schools. Several high school teachers read papers giving their ideas of the best methods of teaching those sciences. They differed somewhat in matters of detail, but that is not germane to this article. After the reading of their papers a university professor, in response to the call of the chair, made some remarks stating, in effect, that the teaching of physics and chemistry in the high schools was not satisfactory because it was not carried out on the exact scientific line to best fit the students for university work.

That was all right from the university standpoint. It is the business of those university departments to make scientists of students by drilling them in close, exact scientific methods.

But the main purpose of our high schools is not, or should not be, to make scientists. Considering the fact that the great majority of high school students do not go, and do not intend to go to the university to make a specialty of scientific pursuits, the function of high school scientific courses should be cultural; to give students a general idea of the scientific thought of the age which will broaden their minds and make them more intelligent and well informed members of society. And probably that can be better attained within high school limits, by making their scientific studies cultural rather than by confining them within the narrow and rigid lines of exact scientific methods.

The university may urge in reply that those methods give the most exact and accurate habits of thought and consequently are most useful as mental discipline.

On the contrary, it may be said that the world is not ruled by logic or exact scientific methods. Probably it never will be so ruled. The student when he goes out into the world finds that he must deal, not with scientific exactitudes, but with human nature in all its varying phases of emotion, will, prejudice and uncertainty. If he tries to reduce these elements to a scientific basis and to found his action thereon he will make a lamentable failure. Scientific accuracy is good for scientific purposes and not for much else.

It is no doubt a fact that the high schools of California are all competing as to which shall be the best accredited to the universities. That would be well if their true purpose were to fit students for the university. But if the proper purpose of the high schools is to give the great majority of their students a cultural course, from which they are to graduate to the world, the better plan would seem to be to organize special courses for those who contemplate a university education, in which they might compete with good effect. When the student enters the high school, let him consider whether or not he intends to enter the university, and take his courses accordingly.

It may be said this would cost more. If the State purposes to give its youth more or less liberal educations let it do the work well. Otherwise it would be better to attempt less, and do that as well as possible.—San Jose Mercury.

A CREDIT TO OAKLAND.

The OAKLAND TRIBUNE issued a Christmas edition of fifty-two pages last Saturday. It had a handsome title-page in color, many fine illustrations, and contained much information about Oakland and Alameda County. It was a very creditable edition, even for an enterprising paper like the TRIBUNE. It measured up to Oakland's progress and ambitions.—Stockton Independent.

SOME PASSING JESTS

"Why do so many actors insist on playing Shakespeare?" "I suspect," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "that it's because they can take all the credit if they succeed, and blame the public's lack of literary taste if they fail."—Washington Star.

"Mebby youse won't believe it, ma'am," said the hungry hobo, "but I've been a-lookin' fer work fer more'n ten years."

"Well, you need look no further," said the stern-faced kind lady. "I have plenty of it right here, and—"

"Scuse me, ma'am," interrupted the patient looker. "As I sed, I've been lookin' fer work, but now that I've found it me curiosity is satisfied. Orry vooor, ma'am."—Chicago News.

"If that man Lawson wants to depress the market there's a mighty fine way for him to make himself popular."

"How is that?"

"Let him jump on the present price of eggs."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Miss Jenkins—Yes, she did say something about you, but I don't know whether it was meant to be complimentary or not.

Mr. Kallow—Oh, I fancy I impressed her.

Miss Jenkins—Well, she merely commented on your "blooming cheek."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

DISHWATER, NEWSPAPERS AND COFFEE.

Too many women put their best energy into the kitchen stove—and why? That it may be a mirror to reflect their handwork. That it may proclaim to their neighbors the thrifty housewife, albeit at the expense of tired muscles and overwrought nerves.

Might not the stove do just as good work, even though its covers were a little red?

A clean stove does not necessarily demand the polishing-brush. There are ways of keeping the stove in good, respectable condition with very little outlay of time and strength. Greasy dish-water is an excellent substitute for blacking. After the dishes have been washed, pour the dish-water into a bowl, and with a cloth kept for the purpose wipe over the top and sides of the stove, and you will be surprised at the result. Of course it will not turn red covers black—nothing will do that except daily blacking, and that will not always be effectual. The stove is in constant use; but the strength thus saved may perhaps call a smile, instead of a frown, to the face of the busy housewife.

Newspaper, also is an excellent polisher. Crumple half of your daily paper and give the top of your stove a hearty but vigorous rubbing with it, and see how it will smile back at you. Cold coffee is another substitute for blacking, which will not disappoint the

one who tries it. I know an excellent housekeeper who never uses anything upon her stove except the three things mentioned—not all at the same time, of course, but whichever happens to be the handiest—and her kitchen is always a clean and wholesome place to enter. She considers life too short for these petty details, which, after all, have nothing whatever to do with the sanitary cleanliness—this, of course, being of the utmost concern at what-over output of time and labor. Twice a year she has her stove thoroughly blacked to keep it from rusting; the rest of the time the greasy dish-water, the newspaper and the cold coffee help her out.

The Talk of the Day.

The phenomenon of the changes in the level of the sea is one which is well shown in the case of the Mediterranean. A recent disclosure presented to the French Academy of Sciences furnishes interesting information on this point. It being apparent that the sea was greatly increased in depth as compared to ancient times. Formerly a bridge three thousand feet long united Leucade to the continent. Today it is submerged but the foundations of the work were discovered eleven feet above the surface. It may therefore be concluded that since the construction of the bridge the sea has risen at this point over nine feet. Similar incidents have been noted at other points.

Hints for the Ladies.

Tiny feather fans, in pink, blue or white can be had for 75 cents. They are just large enough for Miss Little Girl to carry when she goes to the Saturday afternoon dancing class.

Costly but beautiful is an ostrich feather boa in delicate blue, reaching almost to the bottom of the skirt, accompanied by a "granny" muff, also made of the blue ostrich feathers.

Teneriffe dollies are selling for 10 cents each. They have fine drawn-work centers and are all linen. These are the smallest size, of course, but a dozen would make a very acceptable gift to the housekeeper.

Twenty years will purchase an exquisite clock. It is simply a bronze figure of a beautiful woman who holds aloft in the upstretched arms a round ball. This ball is the clock, and depending from it is an ornate pendulum which swings rhythmically to and fro.

In one of the china departments there is a handsome orange dish, which however, would answer equally well for other fruits. It is a leaf-shaped platter, upon a short stand and in the middle rests a removable orange. This has perforations at the top and is in reality a cleverly disguised sugar sifter. The dish is of majolica in artistic colorings.

Small holes in table linen should be darned with ravelings of the linen itself and for this purpose the ravelings should be carefully preserved whenever new linen is purchased. Linen floss is the best darning medium.

Darning stockings is never a welcome task and too often in the case where there is a large family the task seems almost endless. The following method will insure less darning, because the darns being more secure, will last longer. Before beginning to darn a hole tack a piece of coarse net lightly to the stocking over the hole, then darn over the net and be sure to darn also well into the stocking as well to keep the darn firm. This net makes such a good foundation that the work is more quickly done and the result is a much smoother and neater darn than one done in the old way.

If a girl wishes to remember many friends at Christmas, and has not an unlimited amount of money at her disposal, she will want to make many of her presents and now is the time to begin on them. One clever girl solved the problem of getting ideas for Christmas presents in quite a novel way. This girl thought over all her list of friends and selecting eleven of the more resourceful, invited them all to luncheon. In each invitation was a request that the guest should bring with her a list of ten ideas for Christmas presents, and the statement made that the lists handed in would be read at the luncheon (identified by number only) and that a prize would be given to the girl who should be voted to have brought the best list. The plan worked excellently. The luncheon was a great success, the voting on the lists was most spirited, and the hostess became possessed of 110 Christmas hints.

EXCELSIOR!

The shades of night were falling fast, As down the toy aisle slowly passed, A man who bore above the press A banner of familiar dress—

For baby! His brow was bent, his eye beneath Glowed like a bonfire in its sheath; And like a maniac lost to thought, He shouted hoarsely, tensely, what—

In happy homes he saw the light Of coal-burners, warm and bright; For him no comfort and no mark trilled; What, the spectral list still said, For Johnny?

"Try not the books," the old man said, "For 'pop' quotations are not read, And loud that maniac voice replied, 'You know it.'"

At ten the warning bell was rung, And counter covers far were flung; But still they staggered thro' the aisle— The man, the list, the idiot smile, The man, the list, the idiot smile.

The gentleman who swept the store Stepped over him, and softly swore; Such heavy stuff to move by hand When used to only paper and—

Excelsior!

A CALIFORNIA THANKSGIVING.

Is this Thanksgiving? November. With the tender green of the hills Splashed with deep gold of poppies, While sweet the meadow grows, trilled? Thanksgiving—and violets blooming? O, by some wizard's device

The year has slipped those pages Of the almanac's "snow and ice!" November? And sunshine pouring From a cloudless turquoise sky, While steeped in a trance of languor Warm golden hours drift by? Gardens ablaze with color, And fragrant as vanished June Making in robes of summer, Cast winter covers and soot?

Where are those dark, cold mornings With rime of hoar-frost white, The bare and leafless branches That moaned in the gales of night? Those gray days when, dying In an angry flame of red, While keen the flash of starlight In the steely blue overhead?

That is November! Thanksgiving Brings the day to drift and slide, Brown hills, while merry neighbors Bring rove's home to bide. This is the land of sunshine, Scenic Indian Summer's prime, With the frost's destroying fingers Slaved by a smiling time. —Ella M. Sexton, in Sunset Magazine.

CLASSIFIED.

"What kind of people are they—refined, common or what?" "Well, I'll tell you; he's going to give his wife an enlarged crayon portrait of himself for Christmas, and she's going to give him a mustache cup."—Cleveland Leader.

A woman is seldom interested in her husband's letters unless they are marked "personal."

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MINISTER WHO FOUND MANY EASY VICTIMS.

Rev. J. J. Smith Arrested Under Three Indictments From the Grand Jury.

Rev. J. J. Smith of 11 Portland avenue, formerly a Methodist minister, but at present the manager of what is known as the Altadena Mining and Investment Syndicate, was arrested last night at his home here and taken to the County Jail on three indictments found against him by the San Jose Grand Jury.

One of the counts was for criminal libel and the other two for having sold to Lucy Allen and Kate Boyle stock in the Altadena Company representing to them that the company had \$125,000 worth of assets and declared \$40,000 worth of dividends last year, when in truth the value of the stock was problematical, if it has any value at all.

As the San Jose authorities failed to fix the amount of his bail, the bond was fixed last night by Judge Melvin at \$1000 on each count and Robert Mole and W. S. Lloyd went his sureties for \$3000 and he was saved the unpleasant experience of spending a night in prison.

The complaint made by Lucy Allen and Kate Boyle to the San Jose Grand Jury is only that of dozens of others who have put their money into the hands of Smith. About five years ago he came to California from Detroit as a Methodist minister and went about from place to place holding services. Later he visited the same towns and sold the people with whom he had become acquainted, stock in a mining scheme. Among the Oakland people who have been let in on the ground floor of his concern are Mrs. M. C. Smith, E. M. Hill, Robert Moles, George Lloyd, W. F. Lloyd, Octavia Coffey, Jessie D. Woods, H. L. Schnoor of Berkeley, and Mrs. C. Schnoor of Oakland. These are the names of a few on his books to whom he has transferred some of his personal stock.

The person most interested in the unmasking of Smith is E. G. Northup, for many years the San Jose representative of the Sherman & Clay piano house but later proprietor of a piano house of his own. He went before the San Jose Grand Jury and testified that Smith had swindled him out of property to the amount of \$10,000 and practically ruined him. Northup has letters from numerous people who have bought stock in the Altadena Mining and Investment Syndicate telling him of their troubles and hoping that he will succeed in his endeavor to find out the exact status of the company. So far as Northup is able to find the boasted assets of the Altadena Mining and Investment Syndicate are a myth pure and simple, and in order to substantiate what he says he has letters written by Smith to various stockholders in answer to queries that the man who has charge of their mining properties has left the country with the money given him to prosecute development work and that the property they have bonded may be of value and may not.

In regard to the operations of Smith, Northup in an interview this morning said:

"The Altadena Mining and Investment Company is a swindle. I know it to my cost as it has practically ruined me. I trusted Smith because he had been a minister. I asked Dr. Wesley Dennett, a minister in San Jose as to Smith's character. He told me that he believed he was all right. He also told me that he had invested \$3500 in the Altadena Mining Company. His dupes are many. Mrs. M. C. Smith of this city has just told me of her experience with him. She put \$1500 into a mine in Mexico and Smith told her belonged to an uncle. After a time he said

that the Indians had chased his uncle away from that part of the country and the Mexican Government had taken the property back again. He told her that he, of course, could not give her the money back but told her that he would give her some stock in the Altadena Mining and Investment Company and that is how she happens to be a stockholder in this concern.

"My own experience is simply this. I owned a piano house in San Jose, and Smith came to me and offered to buy it. He said that the charter of the Altadena Mining and Investment Company allowed him to do all kinds of business. He represented to me that he also had a patent brick, the right of which he had secured from an old man by the name of Davis of Oakland and that he was going to manufacture this brick as well as mine and he proposed that if I would sell him my piano house I could be manager of it at a salary of \$150 a month for a year in which I was to receive my pay. He paid me down \$2500 and I loaned him back \$2200 and for my business which has gone to the devil, I got about \$300 and seven pianos.

"So far as the property of the Altadena Mining and Investment Company is concerned I do not believe it has any. You have seen these letters in which he says the mine is supposed to be somewhere near Sonora and another at Tonopah. Smith's operations have been widespread and I do not believe any of us will recover a cent."

CONDUCTOR IS ROBBED.

SANDBAGGED WHILE ON WAY HOME FROM STREET CAR BARN.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Dec. 31.—Sylvester Underwood, a conductor on the Capitola electric railroad, was sandbagged and robbed early this morning in this city on his way home from the car barns.

A few dollars in fares and his own money were taken. He has remained in a dazed condition since, but a few minutes' consciousness. His face is badly bruised.

There is no clue to the robbers.

FINED FOR HIS ABUSIVE TALK

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD OF WORKS

At the meeting of the Board of Public Works yesterday afternoon the Brown & Shier Company was awarded a contract to supply the city with 1250 feet of hose at 40 cents a foot.

A petition for a light on Weston avenue was referred to Superintendent Hancock of the police and fire alarm system.

The Atlantic Gulf Drilling Company, in a communication, stated that the fee for the broken by one of its crews at the city wharf would be replaced.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following licenses were issued by the County Clerk today:

Harry J. Barden, S. F., over 21	Lillian Delaney, S. F., over 18
Benjamin M. Sharr, Oakland, over 21	Annie A. Perry, Oakland, over 18
A. Bert H. Cutbert, S. F., over 21	Clare R. Westerman, S. F., over 18
William E. D. Bassett, Chico, over 21	Mary Dickey, Nott, over 18
Benjamin F. Whitaker, Oakland, over 21	Mary A. Barrell, Oakland, over 21
George D. Cotton, Oakland, over 21	Harriet C. Hunter, Oakland, over 18
Charles Vogel, San Francisco, over 21	Mary Conners, San Francisco, over 18
Edward L. Caldwell, Oakland, over 21	Arthur A. West, Oakland, over 21
Louis G. Long, Berkeley, over 21	Lucy Dietzsch, Berkeley, over 18

GEO. FAW ACCUSED OF THEFT

Politician is Arrested on Charge of Misdemeanor Embezzlement.

George E. Faw, late Democratic candidate for State Senator was arrested this morning on a charge of misdemeanor embezzlement preferred by R. De Lappe, resident manager of the American Insurance Company. The amount of the alleged embezzlement is \$43.20.

According to Mr. De Lappe, Faw was in his employ last July. While acting for the company, Faw is alleged to have insured the house of Miss Maggie Norton, collecting therefor a premium of \$54. This amount he is alleged to have used without making an account of it.

Mr. De Lappe says that the politician not only embezzled that sum but many others. The insurance manager says that the peculation of Faw will reach many hundreds of dollars. The amounts are all small, but the number De Lappe says make the total sum stolen very large.

Faw has been in trouble several times before. He was arrested at San Jose, Stockton and other places for having become involved in a transaction that did not appear quite right. There is a peculiar circumstance which saves Faw from facing a felony charge.

In collecting the \$54 and retaining it a person would be guilty of felony embezzlement except in a case where the man collecting it was working on a commission which would be sufficient to make the sum actually retained under \$50. In Faw's case he was working on a commission of twenty per cent thus making the alleged embezzlement amount to \$43.20 instead of \$54.

The case came up before Police Judge Samuels this morning and was set for January 3 for hearing. Faw is endeavoring to secure bail.

TOM DRISCOLL IS INJURED.

WELL KNOWN POLO RIDER MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—Tom Driscoll, the well-known polo player and a prominent figure in Burlingame affairs, is lying at his mother's home in this city with two broken ribs and several minor injuries to disturb his comfort and peace of mind. Driscoll's injuries are a result of his fondness for riding. Two days ago he was thrown from his horse and it was feared for a time that his injuries were quite serious. It turns out, however, that his most serious injury consists of two broken ribs.

Driscoll is to be married on January 19th to Miss Alice L. Bacon of Santa Barbara, daughter of the late Admiral Bacon, and the news of his accident so alarmed his fiancée that she came post-haste to San Francisco, arriving here on the Coaster at 11 o'clock last night, accompanied by her mother. On her arrival at the Palace Hotel the fair bride-to-be received the reassuring news that Mr. Driscoll's condition was critical, and that there was every reason to believe he would be sufficiently recovered to avoid any necessity of postponement of the wedding.

CARPENTER IS ATTACKED.

JOHN SUBERY IS INJURED BY TWO MYSTERIOUS ASSAILANTS.

John Subery, a carpenter residing at 512 Eighth street, was attacked by two men as he was coming out of his boarding house last evening, receiving several cuts and bruises about the head.

Subery says the encounter occurred about 8 o'clock. One of the thugs struck him in the face as he came out of his house. He chased his assailant and his confederate about a block and a half, when they turned on him and struck him several times on the head, wounding him in the right cheek, and inflicting a deep gash over his left ear, which was stitched at the Receiving Hospital. From the wound it appears that the thugs must have used a knife.

The strangers then fled and Subery returned to his home and later went to the Receiving Hospital. Subery is a native of Sweden, 32 years of age. The object of the assault is a mystery to him.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

GALINDO—J. L. Michels, Oklahoma; and L. A. Dougherty, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Beaurieu, San Jose; Harry Franklin and wife, San Francisco; O. Hunter, Oakland; O. W. Corbis, Gilroy; George Hogan, city; W. Malcom, city; Henry D. Durham.

JAPANESE PARTY.

Miss Elsie McMath was hostess at a Japanese party Thursday evening, the decorations and score cards carrying out the idea. "Fau-tan" was played and the first prizes were won by Miss Gertrude Grassie and O. S. Gibbs.

DID NOT LIKE HER FEATURES

Destructive and Impolite Thomas Lawlor Placed in Jail.

Thomas Lawlor was in a very destructive and impolite mood last night and showed his resentment toward the world by tearing down a picket fence on Clay street near Ninth street and then assaulting E. E. Robbins, 317 Clay street, because he interfered.

This morning in the police court Lawlor pleaded guilty to being drunk and to battery. He was not sentenced however because there were several things connected with the defendant's conduct that Police Judge Smith wished to look into. Besides committing an unwarranted attack on Mr. Robbins, Lawlor is alleged to have insulted a woman and then to have chased her into her house.

After Lawlor had pleaded guilty Mr. Robbins who says he was battered told the following story:

"I was walking near my home when I saw two men tearing off pickets from a fence. 'Have you nothing better to do,' I asked. 'Who are you talking to, me?' asked this man. 'I replied 'You.' With that he took up a picket and hit me. I warned the blow off with my arm. Policeman Forgie happened along and I had the man arrested. There is a woman residing near me who says that Lawlor insulted her. She had sent her little girl across the street to a party and called to her asking if she was alright. The little girl said she was. Lawlor then asked the woman if she was speaking to him. She replied that she was not. Lawlor then said 'Get your—' and rushed at her. He rushed at her and she fled getting into the house. I locked the door just in time to prevent him catching her."

Judge Smith asked Mr. Robbins if he could produce the lady in court. He said that he could and the case was continued until next Tuesday to take her evidence.

LOAD OF LUMBER KILLS HIM.

STEVEDORE IS FATALLY INJURED WHILE WORKING ON SCHOONER.

Robert McFarren, the stevedore who was crushed by a sling log of lumber on the schooner Premier yesterday morning, died at 5:30 p. m. yesterday at the Receiving Hospital.

The man, with others, was unloading a quantity of lumber from the ship which was lying in the estuary. At the time of the accident he was standing on a platform above the deck. A load of lumber was being swung off, when suddenly the wind caught it and hurled it directly at McFarren.

Before he could escape the danger the heavy bulk struck him squarely. He was knocked to the deck below, the lumber falling on top of him. His companions picked him up and he was brought to the hospital where he died some hours later.

His injuries consisted of a rupture, a broken collar bone and a fractured hip. The body is at the morgue.

McFarren, who resided at 139 East Street, San Francisco, was a widower and leaves no children or known relatives.

TOLD TO KEEP OF GRASS.

CAPTAIN GETS ANGRY AND USES UMBRELLA ON SMALL BOY.

BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—Complaint was made to Marshal Kerns this morning by George W. O'Brien that his 9-year-old boy John was assaulted last night by Captain Francis T. Jylor who resides at 1608 Oxford street. O'Brien secured a warrant for the arrest of Captain Taylor and an attempt was made this morning by Deputy Marshal Bert Howard to locate the master rascal. He had left Berkeley however, and so the warrant was not served.

Mr. O'Brien declares that Captain Taylor viciously and without cause battered his young son yesterday with an umbrella when he found the youth on the lawn in front of his home.

It appears that the captain seriously objects to the neighborhood children tramping upon his grass, and, wearied of ordinary measures to prevent this, had recourse yesterday to his trusty umbrella.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

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WANTED—A good piano for storage. 261 East 34th st. j

WIDOW would like children to board. 801 East 34th st. q

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\$13—Cottage, 5 rooms and yard; near Key Route station. e

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\$18—Cottage, 5 rooms and bath; 3 blocks of Broadway. e

\$20—House, 6 rooms, bath and gas; East Oakland; near local. e

\$22.50—House, 7 rooms, bath and gas; sunny corner; near S. F. local. e

\$25—Cottage, 6 rooms, bath and gas; close in town. e

\$25—Flat, 5 rooms, bath and gas; sunny; modern. e

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CHRISTMAS WEEK UNIQUE.

Christmas week is unique socially among all the weeks of the year. It is characterized largely by family gatherings and few outsiders are entertained socially during this time, which means so much to those related by blood and marriage. Christmas comes but once a year, and some of us are glad, some sorry.

Of all the large families none in Oakland celebrates with more fervency than the large family connection of the Havermeyers which includes the Stones, all the Tuckers and their numerous ramifications and generously takes in the connections by marriage as well. Mrs. Stone gave the large family Christmas dinner which included all the Macdonalds, the George McNears Jr., the Braytons, Mrs. Tucker and all her grandchildren except the Miller children, who were, of course, at the Miller celebration. It was a most joyful and jolly affair and a very large crowd of relations in these days of meager families. This is the sort of eighteen cousins which Louisa Alcott would love to write about. They have gay times among themselves.

The Reques had a family gathering at Highlands and the Herricks gathered all their children and grandchildren under their roof tree on another day, and the Fruthers had a big family gathering. The Reques Christmas tree was one of the prettiest and most generously laden in Oakland.

At Arbor Villa there was the usual bit of Christmas celebration with all the young ladies of the house, married and single, and an enormous tree in Oak Hall at which the children from the cottages were allowed to peep. There was a gift for every one and the children were regaled with ice cream after the memorial fashion. The big Home Club was utilized for the Christmas celebration this year. It is so large and ample that it affords excellent facilities for such an affair.

Many Oakland people went to San Francisco for their Christmas rejoicings. Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Deering had a large family dinner on Christmas eve, followed by a tree later in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Deering's guests included the Crafts, the Estes and the Deerings. The table was beautiful in a large wreath of English holly which enclosed a huge bunch of poinsettias and large red Christmas bells swung from the chandeliers. Every electric light in the dining room wore a wreath of English holly and the place cards were artificial poinsettias.

The Christmas tree which followed was the first for the small daughter of the Deering house, and was all in white and silver, after the German fashion. It was a large tree draped with silver moss, glass icicles and asbestos snow with all the branches hung with silver fruit and lighted with tiny white electric bulbs. The gift, all wrapped in white, were piled like a huge snow-drift below. On Christmas night the tree was again lighted and the Deerings entertained Mr. Richard Botaling, Mr. John Housman and Mr. Charles K. Field at dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott had their

family dinner to which a few guests were hidden on Christmas day and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Laymance entertained a large family party at dinner on the same evening. The Laymanes had a huge tree simply laden with gifts.

Across the bay one of the prettiest Christmas parties was given on Christmas eve by the Will Crockers. It was a genuine old-fashioned Christmas party for young and old, with games and dancing after the gifts had been distributed from the huge tree. The Crockers are very happy this year over the advent of a second son into their household.

On Christmas day everyone went to church, for it was a beautiful day, and when the feast day falls on Sunday it always seems to make the service so much more interesting. The churches were redolent with the smell of Christmas greens and tuneful with Christmas anthems and everyone wore such a bright and happy face.

Speaking of family celebrations across the bay, Mr. and Mrs. Will Magee gathered the Magees and Hush families together under their hospitable city roof. The members of the family are widely scattered this year so there were not nearly as many as usual, but they all look forward happily to a speedy reunion when Mrs. Hush and the Wellies arrive from the East.

THE DARLING OF THE GODS.

Blanche Bates opened a brilliant engagement at the Grand Opera House on Monday night in her great production "The Darling of the Gods," in which she has played almost as many times as the Princess of the Arabian Nights told fibs. The house was brilliant and beautifully dressed, looking almost like the opera except that the costumes were high. There was not a vacant seat from orchestra to gallery and every box was taken. There were numerous theater parties, among them a double box party at which Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Flood were host and hostess. The guests were the Pollises, Mr. and Mrs. William Hinkley Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Taylor.

Of another party Harry Holbrook entertained the Silas Palmers, the Sam Knights and Miss Lillie Spreckels. Miss Sallie Maynard hosted another party and the Walter Martins gathered a group of friends together. At the close of the third act a great many handsome flowers were passed over the footlights to the popular star and Miss Bates made a pretty little speech. The actress is as charming as ever, her eyes no less sparkling, even in the Japanese make-up, and her acting most dainty and delightful. The entire production is most elaborately and carefully gotten up and sustained to the minutest detail. Every super is so thoroughly identified with his part that it seems as though one were really looking on at a bit of old Japan, and Bishop and Mrs. Partridge, who were in the audience, were loud in their praises of the accuracy of every detail of scenery and minor acting. Some of the make-ups among the subordinate actors are perfectly wonderful—much better than of the principal in fact—for the type of face

has much to do, of course, with the success of an Oriental make-up. Some faces lend themselves to it and some do not.

Miss Bates does not dominate the piece—the scenery does—which is perhaps the reason why Miss Bates does not care especially for the part. Then, of course, she is dead tired of it, having played it continuously for so long but she is not likely to have a quick release as long as it draws such houses as it drew Monday night. It will probably be put on for a brief run in New York after it has completed this road tour, some people having been born since it commenced its triumphant career.

Several of the supporting women are also excellent in the parts assigned to them, notably Ada Lewis as the maid of the Princess Yo-San and the two women who do the principal gish parts. Ormende, the leading man, who was playing with Miss Bates when she was here last as "Cigarette" is also excellent, with a splendid physique and a dignified bearing which fit the part excellently. The other principal men are not convincingly Japanese to my way of thinking.

Miss Bates expects to give several extra matinees while she is here, playing different roles just by way of a rest.

A MUSICAL EVENT.

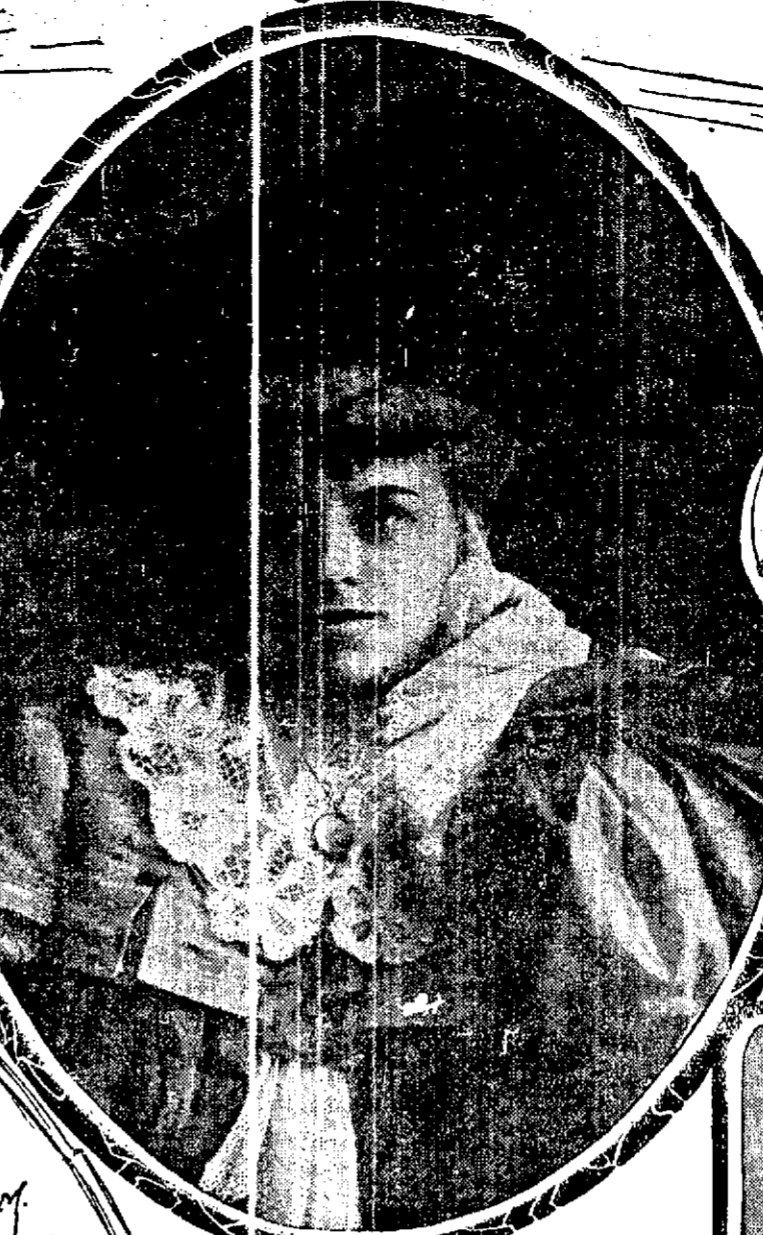
One of the swellest musical affairs of the winter and by far the most fashionable concert of the season so far, was the Galski concert at the St. Francis Hotel on Wednesday night. Society was there in its very prettiest gowns and there were some beautiful white coats and hats in evidence, to say nothing of the costliest of furs. There were many pretty dinners at the St. Francis before the concert, and some supper parties afterward.

THE DE YOUNG CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. De Young entertained about fifty old friends of the family at a Christmas tree on Christmas night. Each guest received a gift, most of them comically absurd things. And speaking of furs, reminds me that Mrs. De Young has probably the most expensive set in San Francisco, consisting of a stole and muff of silver fox. The latter is of a single skin with a fox head by way of ornament. Silver fox is a sort of sport among the foxes. It is a black fox, the tips of the hair of which are white. Single skins sometimes cost four thousand dollars in London, though the skins are, of course, large. Mrs. De Young's muff is said to have cost a thousand dollars which is more than a sable muff costs. As Mrs. De Young is in mourning, the furs are especially pretty and appropriate.

AN EVENT ACROSS THE BAY.

The wedding of Miss Marie Voorhes and Captain Young is to be the event of the end of the week across the bay. They are to be married late Saturday afternoon—on the last day of the year. This week the engaged couple were



Mrs. Lucia Oliver



Mrs. Frank M. Kane
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generally entertained a dinner, theatre parties and dances.

AN INTERESTING ENGAGEMENT.

Society is much interested in the engagement, announced on Christmas eve, of Miss Helen Wagner and Mr. Joseph Eastland. Miss Wagner is a very popular society girl, a great friend of the Misses Sp Eckels and the Jolliffes and a legatee under Miss Bertha Dolbeer's will. Miss Wagner was Miss Dolbeer's most intimate girl friend. Mrs. Jack Wilson is also one of Miss Wagner's intimates, and Mrs. J. J. Moore, formerly Mrs. Avery McCarthy, is Miss Wagner's only sister. The wedding is to take place in the early winter.

Mr. Eastland comes of the wealthy Eastland family and is a handsome, cultured and charming gentleman. He is a brother of Mrs. Uquhart of Los Gatos and the family is a very old and well known one. The Oakland Eastlands are cousins. Mr. Eastland is fond of private theatricals and recently made a hit in M. S. Gerberding's pretty little Spanish play, in which Mrs. Louis Hengstler o. Berkeley, also appeared. The wedding journey will be to Europe.

SPEAKING OF BUDS.

Speaking of buds, I am reminded of a story that I heard recently about one of the season's debutantes. She is the most snobbish of them all, and thought that she would be a great success if she would snub every one except those she thought it were "worth

while," as she put it. A wealthy Washington man, who is here for a few months' visit, noticed her at a recent ball and admired her appearance greatly. He asked a girl friend if she would introduce him to the fair bud. "I do not know Miss X very well," the girl replied, "but I will be glad to present you." Now the obliging young lady was an older girl, who has been somewhat looked down upon for her lack of exclusiveness, and the debutante did not approve of her. When she was presented to the young man she nodded very stiffly and was almost rude in her behavior to him. His reception was so chilly that he finally withdrew. The young man is of excellent Eastern family and has great wealth, but the debutante unfortunately did not know this. When, later, she found all her mother's set almost quarreling to be the first to entertain him she was much chagrined, especially as the man does not pay her the slightest attention whenever she is invited to the same affairs that he is.—Wasp.

SOCIETY TAKES TO COUNT.

Count de la Rocca, the new French Vice-Consul, bids fair to become the hit of the winter season. He has fairly magnetized society, especially the feminine section of it. He is a handsome chap with that grand air which appeals to women, and the alluring news has spread that he comes of one of the best families of France. We of this provincial burg dearly love the best families of other countries, but of course we understand



Mrs. C. A. Sullivan
BELLE DUDLEY PHOTO

burning in the fireplace. As a girl, Mrs. Searles made her home at Menlo Park, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grosvenor P. Ayres, had a lovely country seat.—Town Talk.

CAROLERS ARE MISSED.

Oakland is the poorer this year for missing the Christmas waits that, for years, have caroled from door to door. The old English custom was begun years ago in Oakland by the Hush girls. One of the Hushes is now Mrs. "Tom" Magee, another is Mrs. Will Magee, and another is Mrs. Frank Richardson Wells. The Hushes were always fond of doing something for others, and when one of the girls suggested that it would be a good thing to go from house to house and awaken a true Christmas spirit in the men and women who were forgetting the love behind the gift, the idea was taken up enthusiastically. They went out in a two-seated carriage, returning home at dawn, where a hot breakfast was served to the weary singers. In later years—for the waits always sang after that—there were a number of society maidens who gathered together during the year and practiced for the Christmas eve performance. Never have other breakfasts seemed just the same to that little band as those. Among the more recent carolers were Maud Edith Pope, Pauline Fore, May Coogan and Chrissie Taft.—Town Talk.

MISS QUINAN'S ENGAGEMENT.

Carolyn Quinan, after spending several weeks in Oakland, has returned to South Africa where she makes her home with her brother. Before sailing she announced her engagement to Walter Mott Shaw of Boston. The telegram was a sort of round robin sent to twenty girl chums, ran: "Engaged to Walter Mott Shaw, of Boston elite, congratulations desired when I reach Cape Town." The wedding will not be solemnized for a year and the twelve months are to be spent in European travel. Miss Quinan was accompanied as far as Paris by Hosi Pringle and Edith McDonald, of Santa Rosa. The two girls expect to be absent for a year, during which time they will be the guests of relatives in Paris and London.—Town Talk.

MANY PHASES OF LIFE.

The few days after Christmas show one many phases of life. Of course there are the notes you must answer, and they amount to a good many these days, since we have taken to remembering each other so generously. Every one sends every one else some little gift—a potted plant for instance, a bunch of flowers, something that will represent friendship, and that will carry its own Christmas message. And we must write the little note of thanks which carried with it a "Happy New Year" greeting as well.

Thank heaven that for once we must write a formal note. We are so used to telephoning all sorts of things. We telephone our luncheon and dinner invitations, likewise our acceptances and regrets for the same.

But there is one thing that is sacred from the telephone—you cannot telephone your thanks for a Christmas gift. For once you must sit down at your writing desk, and express your formal appreciation of your friend's thought of you. You cannot telephone, you must write.

And so this week has seen many of us, with our hands full of the precious missives, on our way to the various postboxes. And I'm glad there was



Mrs. Dudley Snell

that to be of a best European family is something different from a San Francisco "best." The Parrotts are said to be among our "best," but why they take the superlative degree I have never been able to understand. I know that the founder of the family never bothered himself about social rank. But the Parrotts are acknowledged to be of the San Francisco "best," and there are not fifty-seven varieties. It seems quite proper therefore that the Parrotts should have taken up the French Count. They are making his sojourn here very pleasant. The Hyde-Smiths, also of the best, are making the Count feel very much at home far from the madding crowd of gay Paris, where the best are almost as numerous as the worst. The Hyde-Smiths know their Paris well and they are acquainted with many of the Count's friends there. Another distinguished Frenchman who is much admired in society is Dr. Garceau, who has built up a very large practice. Yet he is said to be very homesick. Mrs. Hyde-Smith and Mrs. Garceau are two of the prettiest and most popular matrons in society.—Town Talk.

THE OUTDOOR LIFE.

Oakland society is looking forward to a big house-warming to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Searles in their new house in the Piedmont hills. The house is a great, rambling bungalow, and commands a magnificent view of Golden Gate, with a fine vista of hills in the distance. The Searles are true children of nature, and they have made the most of the outdoor life. Most of the men in this household will be taken on the wide verandas, and I hear it was there the Christmas turkey was carved and eaten, the porch pillars being entwined with ropes of greenery and brightened with the red of glowing holly berries. Another unique feature of the house is a room where, when an occasional chilly day comes, the sun may filter through ground glass and give its warmth to those who prefer it to a fire, although there is always a log

so many letters for every one to write, —it meant that the Christmas holiday was a happy one.

Of course, the next morning you knew what Santa Claus had brought the children on your block. You saw the care with which the little maid paraded her best doll, and the small boy roused you from your slumbers by blowing his horn in the gray dawn, —or else you opened your eyes to the merry tattoo of his drum. And it was just the same way with the children of a larger growth.

Everyone was out the day after Christmas, and you couldn't help observing the blissful content of the woman to whom Fate had sent lovely new furs. She looked so warm, so happy, and contented, glancing now and then, at the great big muff, the pride and joy of her heart.

Of course, there will be days when she will simply roast with the beautiful furs. But what does that matter? Women have suffered in a good cause before this. And furs are so immensely becoming to every woman, that you can appreciate her joy in the beautiful gift.

How welcome is the cloudy sky to the woman with a gorgeous new umbrella! Really the children of a "larger growth" have been just as proud of their gifts, just as anxious to show them off, as the little maid of her doll, and the good little boy of his new bicycle.

FAMILY REUNIONS IN ORDER.

Social events are all along the lines of Christmas festivities, and during the last week family reunions have been the order of the hour.

The C. O. G. Millers entertained the entire Miller connection at a large family reunion on Christmas eve at their new home across the bay.

The A. L. Stones had a large Christmas tree, and the relatives who gathered around it numbered nearly fifty. They have an ideal billiard room in which to entertain, and there was much Christmas rejoicing among the happy little clan of cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. William Letts Oliver and their children spent Christmas day at the R. G. Browns. The families take turns in entertaining each other for the holidays, and they generally manage to have bright and happy holidays together.

THE PRATHERS' CHRISTMAS.

In fact everyone you met seemed to have had a bright and happy Christmas. One would expect it from cheerful family reunions,—but somehow, more than ever, the Christmas spirit made itself felt in the homes of the very poor.

And among the most interesting of all the philanthropic efforts was the big Christmas tree, planned with such great care by Mrs. Thomas Prather.

She invited fifty little tots to be her guests, and having received a pleased acceptance, she went straightway to work to plan for them a merry Christmas. When they arrived at the hall, they found everything ready, in accordance with the latest Christmas traditions.

Mrs. Prather wished to do it all very quietly,—in the simplest way, and without any ostentation. It was something personal,—which gave her great pleasure. So there was only the family present, to witness the joy of the children. One could have wished for a larger audience,—the picture was so beautiful,—the sweet spirit of Christmas woven into everything.

When the children arrived at the hall they found a bright fire burning,—and the big room a charming Christmas study. In the center stood a glorious Christmas tree,—a great big tree, with spreading branches, loaded with all kinds of Christmas decorations. It was a glorious tree, brave in all its summer and shine.

And around the tree were arranged fifty little chairs, where the little guests sat, and awaited the coming of Santa Claus.

Of course he came in great style, driving his classic reindeer straight from the sky. If you met him by real life, you might possibly call him Harrison Clay. But he wasn't Harrison Clay at all, that is where you would be mistaken. He was Santa Claus, and "Santa" really looked lovely,—in a great tunic of red velvet, and a great big whip,—and you heard the sleigh bells jingling—really it was most exciting.

And when Santa gave away the toys you felt you would like to be a little child again, if only to receive one of those lovely dolls,—all dressed in long white gowns—or you would like a horn,—or a big bag of marbles,—or else one of those fascinating bags of candy.

And after "Santa" went away—promising to come again next year,—and I sincerely hope he will,—it was time for luncheon.

There were the dearest little tables with little chairs, and a fascinating Santa Claus on each table,—and lovely hot chocolate, and simply piles of cakes—and delicious ice cream,—and such a lot of everything that not a child could eat another crumb. And in the midst of it all Mr. and Mrs. Prather, just as greatly pleased as their guests, and enjoying it all just as much. Somehow every other Christmas celebration faded before

this one—this had so much unselfishness in it,—the Christmas joy of giving was here—you felt that for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prather and their enthusiastic little guests, there was indeed "A Merry Christmas."

AT OLD LADIES' HOME.

One of the features of the week has been the Christmas tree at the Old Ladies' Home. The Christmas gathering there took place on Thursday, and there was much rejoicing around the beautiful tree.

Conditions are ideal at the Old Ladies' Home, for here are children also, and of course, they add the charming and enthusiastic element to any Christmas celebration.

One of the old ladies has taught the children the most wonderful drill, and they surprised the patronesses with it on the Fourth of July, and again on Thursday.

For each child there were, of course, Christmas gifts, and for each old lady a gift which she much prized—a dainty handkerchief—a pair of gloves,—a bottle of French perfumery—something that made her feel she had her own place in the scheme of Christmas giving.

And some of our most prominent society girls were represented on that tree at the Old Ladies' Home. Among those who planned and took part in the Christmas celebration at the Home were Mrs. R. G. Brown, Mrs. Everts, Miss Florine Brown, Mrs. Harry Gordon, Mrs. Lillencrantz, Miss Jean Howard, Miss De Fremery, Mrs. Harry East Miller, Mrs. J. H. T. Watkinson, Mrs. Harrison Clay, Miss Annie Miller, Mrs. Sam Prather, Miss Coralie Selby, Miss Miner, Miss Jessie Campbell.

LUNCHEON OF THE WEEK.

One of the most elaborate lunches of the week was given at the Palm Garden of the Palace Hotel. Mrs. George Pinckard was the hostess of the day, and she entertained in honor of Mrs. Leavitt Logan, wife of the commander of the Ohio.

Among the beautiful gowns of the guests were those of Miss Helen Chesebrough, Mrs. Will Crocker, and Mrs. Arthur Folland of this city. Mrs. Pinckard is going abroad in the near future, and she will chaperone Miss Chesebrough. The latter is a very charming girl, and she will be greatly missed in social circles here during her stay abroad.

MRS. HEARST IN ROME.

Mrs. Hearst was in Rome for the Christmas holidays, and she expects to spend some weeks in Southern Europe. She was not as well in Paris as her friends would have liked to have had her, but she is much better since going into the warmer climate.

She will have quite recovered her usual health by summer time, and then we will have her back at the Hacienda.

It is over a year since Mrs. Hearst sailed for the Orient, and while since that time, she has been in New York with the William R. Hearsts, she has not been to California.

The beautiful Hacienda has been closed, and Californians have greatly missed its old time hospitality.

Mrs. Hearst remembered her many philanthropies out here, and her many friends as well, and from Rome came gifts and happy Christmas greetings.

Mrs. Hearst expects to return to California early in the summer, and in that case both her country homes, the Hacienda, and Wynoon, on the McCloud river, will be opened.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

Each winter brings us certain dates devoted to amateur theatricals. This season on the schedule are "Esmeralda" and "Pinafore," both planned by Mrs. Wetherbee, who is simply indefatigable in planning amateur entertainments.

Both plays are to be given for the benefit of the Congregational Church in Fruitvale, in whose affairs Mrs. Wetherbee takes the greatest interest.

"Esmeralda" is one of Mrs. Burnett's most charming little stories. Esmeralda is the Southern girl of poor family, and she goes to a hotel, and pre-udes she is one of the great of the earth. And quite near is the old farm house where are her people, "old Ma Rogers" and "Lydia Ann Rogers."

And a gay, merry crowd drive out to the farm house, "Esmeralda" among them, and she pretends she does not know her own people.

And they are doubtfully hurt and so Esmeralda, she simply can't stand the situation, and how she makes it all right with them, and with herself is the motif of the play. Of course there is the pretty love story which Mrs. Burnett understands so well how to sketch.

The part of "Esmeralda" will be taken by Mrs. Dan Crosby. Mrs. Wetherbee will be Lydia Ann Rogers, and the part of Anna Desmond will be taken by Elsie Marwede.

"Pinafore" is scheduled for some time early in February, and one of



MISS BEATRICE FIFE, NIECE OF MRS. OSCAR LUNING.

the leading members of the cast will be Dr. Frank Rodolph.

BACK FROM EAST.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Magee, Mrs. Valentine Hush and Mrs. Frank R. Wells, formerly Jean Hush, arrived from the East this week. The Magees and Mrs. Hush spent Christmas at Burlington at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wells.

The Will Magees had a Christmas tree at their home across the bay, and among their guests were Mr. Hush, Miss Florence Hush, Valentine and Walter Hush.

Mrs. Wells has always enjoyed the holidays in such an enthusiastic way, that it is good to think she will be in her old home for "New Year's Day." She was also so immensely picturesque on Christmas morning leading that merry band of gay carolers.

In the gray dawn the big omnibus would drive up amid the merry jingle of sleighbells. Jean Hush would lead the gay band across the lawn, and the notes of the violin would ring out upon the early morning air. And how she could play on that violin! It was just genius,—and she made it ring out a merry Christmas and all the children sang,—and shouted, and the sleighbells rang as they took their departure. All over town they went, and there was the Christmas tree waiting for them at the Hush home,—and a Christmas breakfast for every one. Well, we missed the carollers very much this year.

A season or two ago, they gave us

beautiful music, and the singers included May Coogan, Cordie Bishop, Marion Goodfellow, Jacqueline Moore, and Lucretia Burnham.

TRIP OF THE REDINGTONS.

Doctor Vida Redington and Miss Lena Redington have recently been in Athens. They are going to Vienna by way of Smyrna and Constantinople, and they expect to rest in Vienna for two or three weeks. They have been seeing Europe in the most ideal way, and their trip abroad has been a great success.

MRS. FOLGER ENTERTAINS.

Mr. and Mrs. Athearn Folger, and their children have been the guests of Mrs. J. A. Folger at the latter's home on Jackson street. For Christmas, Mrs. Folger also entertained the Folger family and Mr. and Mrs. Tibbets, formerly Elizabeth Folger.

ALEXANDERS ARE HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Alexander returned from the East in time for the Christmas holidays. They are at the Alexander home on Sixteenth street, where they will remain until the return of Mrs. S. T. Alexander from Honolulu.

WINTER DANCING CLUBS.

This winter has seen firmly estab-

lished three dancing clubs,—and this in on the line of the leading dancing clubs organized in the East. When you grow up and go into society there, you are always asked in what dancing class you received your training. We have had three notable leading clubs here, the Deux Temps, the Fortnightly, and the Friday Night. The first two went out of existence because most of the girls married off, and there were no younger girls to take their places, since there was no dancing club of younger girls.

The "Friday Night" draws from the Maple Club, so it bids fair to be a continuous organization.

In the Friday Night club for the men, no High School boys are admitted to membership, and it has not a cast iron rule in regard to age. It is expected of course, that until the girls are nineteen they must be content to remain in the Maple Club. And that is not a hardship, seeing that it is one of the most desirable dancing clubs on the coast.

But in the Friday Night club are included members of the younger married set, though very few of them accepted the invitation this winter. You must be seventeen to belong to the Maple Club, and the dances begin earlier and end earlier than do those of the Friday Night.

Some special rules are being tacitly set down for dances across the bay. The guests must not arrive later than ten o'clock. But that is really an absurdly late hour for young people to begin dancing. In the first place we have not a leisure class out here, and the young men must be in their different offices at the usual time in the morning.

And very few if any families have an eight o'clock dinner.

Across the bay dinners before the dance are rather going out of favor. It is really too much for the debutante to have a dinner date and a dance date for the same evening. Then she arrives late at the dance, and must take for her partners the men left over, by the more fortunate girls. Dinners used to be given; so that the young hostess would have her dances taken, especially her supper dance,—but that can be managed for her all right, if she knows the patronesses, or has any one in the household well up on social affairs.

SATURDAY NIGHT CLUB.

Meantime the little Saturday Night club has scored its success. It can't quite modestly into the field, "to fill a long felt want."

The girls and boys were too large for "the baby classes," and too young for the Maple club, so in sheer desperation, the mothers organized this third club. It was a great concession to make it an evening club, but the mothers compromised by stopping all dancing at ten o'clock.

And they planned besides to carry it along on simple lines, to make simplicity the keynote in the girl's gown. And the club has grown and flour-

ished, and will send on members to the Maple club, in the not very distant future. Among the young girls of the Saturday Evening Club are the Misses Pauline York, Edna Prather, Alice Albright, Vita Vincent, Agnes and Harriet Ehrenberg, Lucretia Mauvais, Effie Smille, Hazel Palmantier, Fay Chapman, Amy Bowles, Carmen Percy, Myra Hall, Charlotte Morrison, Harriet Stone, Enid Lawton Hilda McElrath, Katherine McElrath, Susie Harrold, and Hope Matthews.

DANCING AT COUNTRY CLUB.

There is a good deal of talk about planning a dancing club from among the members of the Country Club. But matters in that line up to date, have not been very promising. In the first place, many of the young members of the Country club belong to the Friday Night club, and they would not of course change in the middle of the season. And the men of the Country club do not go in for dancing at all. And again it is a very difficult place to reach especially if one happens to be in evening dress. Oakland is not noted for its lack of carriages, and one's temper is worn to shreds in the effort to get anywhere after dark.

You must go far ahead of time, and be the first one to arrive in solitary glory, or you must go late, and find yourself the last one. Everyone wants that special carriage at exactly the same hour you do,—and if you manage to reach your destination, it is a good problem how you are going to get home. So there are big difficulties attending a dancing club as part of the Country Club's organization.

NEW YEAR DATES.

The New Year dates,—and there are many of them of special interest.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Macdonald are to give a dinner dance at the Country club, and their guests include relatives for the most part. The guests who are not relatives will be Mr. and Mrs. Edison Adams, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wheaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald.

The dinner dance will be given as an observance of the wedding anniversary. It was at this wedding that many of us met the ill-fated heiress, Miss Bertha Dolbeer. She was one of the bridemaids, and looked exceedingly well, and seemed to enjoy meeting the many Oakland friends of the bride.

The Country club is planning many New Year activities. The club will be beautifully decorated, and an informal luncheon will be served.

A golf tournament is planned for the morning, and among the entries are R. M. Fitzgerald, Ernest Folger, Frank Kales, Captain Goodull, George De Golia, George McNear Jr.

Several informal dinners are also arranged for the Country club, so the artistic club house bids fair to reflect the echo of many a Happy New Year.

THEREE POPULAR GIRLS.

Three popular girls have planned an informal New Year reception to be given at the Crellin home on Alice street. Miss Chrissie Taft, Miss Ethel Crellin, and Miss Edith Gaskill will be the hostesses of the day, and will entertain their friends on Saturday afternoon, from 4 to 6.

The guest list includes, of course, only the most intimate friends of the three girls, and not all the friends of the older members of each family. The Crellin home will no doubt present a gay and interesting picture, for the New Year reception of the young hostesses.

TEA FOR ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The New Year will be profitably begun with a tea, given on Monday by the ladies of St. Paul's church, at the Coghill home on Jackson street. Rev. Mr. Warkley is planning to establish a mission in the neighborhood of Third and Alice streets, and the tea is given to help along the worthy object.

The receiving party will represent for the most part members of St. Paul's church, and Mrs. Barbour, Mrs. James Allen, and Mrs. Coghill will preside at the tea table.

It is a matter of which to take due notice,—men are expected to be present at this tea. As the hours are from 4 till 7, and as it is a legal holiday, there is not any excuse which can be offered for the man who ought to be present.

MRS. VAN DEN BURGH TO ENTERTAIN.

Mrs. Van Den Burgh and Miss Katherine Van Den Burgh will entertain informally at dinner on New Year's day, in honor of Miss Anita Thomson. It will be a dinner given in honor of the birthday of their young guest.

The house will show a holiday scheme of decoration, and the guests will be the members of both families.

MISS SCHLESSINGER AS HOSTESS.

Miss Lita Schlessinger will be the hostess at an informal New Year tea, given in honor of Miss Gertrude Voorhies, whose engagement was recently

announced. Miss Voorhies' home is at Sutter Creek, but she is often in Oakland, as she is a great friend of Miss Mollie Mathes. They were schoolmates together at the Horton school.

Miss Schlessinger's list includes for the most part friends of Miss Voorhies and a number of girls from the Friday Night set.

MRS. TAFT'S TEA.

But the tea of all others in which we are truly interested, is that planned by Mrs. Max Taft. But it is not for her to be altogether the hostess,—the responsibility of that tea, is straight up to the door of each one of us. And the thing for us to do in this holiday time is to put our shoulders to the wheel, and just push along this good cause.

It might have been some relative of our own to whom this tragedy could happen, and it behooves each of us to act accordingly.

Mrs. Taft is not sending out any cards, but is telling people to come, and is telephoning where she can. But of course, she cannot reach everyone she would like to,—so instructions are being passed the good word along. It is not for anybody to wait for formality in a matter like this. Mrs. Taft has begun a good work, which might easily be the work of any of us. If for any reason we cannot go to the tea, we can send along the contribution we think we can afford.

But I hope just crowds of people will go to the tea. I want it to be so crowded that we will have to sit on the stairs, or go into the kitchen,—and maybe it will be so crowded that we cannot get into the house. But we could send our money in all the same.

One man, (I hope he'll have luck for it,) sent ten dollars,—two others have promised five dollars,—and a few more have expressed great sympathy in the tea. Dear little Mrs. Taft,—it was so sweet and kind of you—so like the impulses of her always generous heart.

There is to be a musical program. I hope Mrs. Max Taft will play, though she does not often play in public, she is one of the finest pianists in the city. She received her musical education from some of the leading instructors in New York where the Haydens used to live.

Many of our girls sing and play exceedingly well, among them the Misses Coogan, Cordie Bishop, Anita Oliver, Florence Hush, Mrs. George Davis, and Marian Smith. It is quite easy to plan a musical program if the participants are chosen from the ranks of society girls.

METCALFS WENT TO ANNAPOLIS.

Secretary and Mrs. Victor H. Metcalf did not remain in Washington for Christmas, but went to Annapolis, and spent the holiday with their son, Victor Metcalf Jr.

Senator Perkins and his daughter, Miss Fanny Perkins, went to Florida for Christmas, and were guests at the famous winter resort, "Palm Beach."

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Campbell have gone to Baltimore, where they are to spend the holiday season with friends of Mrs. Campbell.

LEADING CARD CLUBS.

The leading card clubs go on in their old accustomed ways, some of them trying to play "bridge" but with indifferent success. It seems as if some women never in the world would learn how to play bridge! But the smaller card clubs that we used to hear so much about hardly exist this season. Or, if some of them do, there are so many substitutes that the personnel of the club seems entirely changed.

One of the "five hundred" clubs still keeps up its meetings, however, and its members were the guests this week of Miss May Coogan.

Among her guests were Miss Besse Fillmore, Miss Edith Beck, Miss Marian Goodfellow, Miss Stimmis, Miss Emily Chickering, Mrs. Philip Clay, Miss Downey, Miss Elsie Everson, Miss Chabot, Miss Mollie Mathes, Miss Helen Chase, Miss Lucretia Burnham, Miss Lillie Reed, Miss Ethel Crellin, Miss Kenna, Mrs. Irving Burroll. The very pretty prize of the afternoon was won by Miss Emily Chickering.

MRS. GOODHUE INJURED.

Mrs. Arthur Goodhue, formerly Miss Lillian Everson, met with quite a serious accident at Long Beach. She was thrown from an automobile, and had a very fortunate and a very narrow escape.

The Goodhues seem to be having all kinds of experiences. Mrs. Goodhue was here recently on a visit to the Eversons, and in her absence from Long Beach, neighbors broke into the house, and took out everything. They brought an express wagon to the door, and piled on it every article of furniture they couldn't carry away otherwise. Of course, the Goodhues hastened home, but for many days not even a clue could be discovered to all that stolen furniture. And when it was finally discovered, the piano was being taken apart preparatory to



MISS CHRISSIE TAFT.

Miss Chrissie Taft, Miss Jane Crellin and Miss Edith Gaskill entertained this afternoon at an informal reception at the Crellin home.

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WHO HAS INTERESTING
THINGS TO SAY.

LOS ANGELES, December 31.—Tommy West, one-time a good welter-weight, and now trainer and manager of Twin Sullivan, has arrived here and is endeavoring to elicit a return match with Kid McCoy for his protegee.

As to keeping his health West knows the game pretty well, for he has made a study of hygiene and physical culture and is qualified as a teacher on these lines, having, in fact, practiced it in New York and Brooklyn up to the time he left for the coast.

West has some interesting things to say about the boxing game and some of the fighters who have worked their way to the top of the pugilistic ladder.

It was West who introduced what is known as the kidney blow in New York, in 1894, and that is the year that he won most of his fights. He says that in a friendly bout with Joe Chynowski in Chicago he got a blow in the kidneys that he didn't get over for two days. Chynowski afterward taught him the trick, and when West got back to New York that blow was many a man's undoing. All West's blows were directed to that vital spot, and when a man gets a thorough trouncing over the kidneys a long time afterward that he wants to fight again, if ever he does.

CALIFORNIANS SLUGGERS.

In speaking of California fighters, of which West has seen them all, he says that he considers them sluggers more than boxers.

"There is only one good California fighter that has a science," said West, and that one is Jimmie Britt. "Britt is a good boxer, and has one of the best styles of defense I ever saw, while the others I have seen in this part of the country are tough-house sluggers and win by mixing it up."

"When it comes to clever boxers, I think Joe Gans and Tommy Ryan are the cleverest I ever saw in this country. Both of them have the science of the game down fine. Some people have given Ryan the name of being a hard man to get along with, but I have always found him the opposite. I have helped him in his training, and he has been as liberal with me as any man could ask."

NO PROPER TRAINING METHODS.

Some men are bad fighters because they hit out of position. A man fighting out of position is just like a horse out of his stride. He won't get anything. There is a right way for doing everything, and getting away from the proper position is a thing that a lot of fighters do, and they make a big mistake in it."

West has his own ideas on training, and thinks that a great mistake that most men make is training too soon after eating. Some of them will go to work soon after a hearty meal and long before their food is properly digested. In that way, he says, they lose the strength that they should give them, and this might be avoided by waiting at least three hours after eating a hearty meal before any work of any kind is indulged in.

BIG INTER-CITY
TOURNEY.SYNDICATE TOURNAMENT WILL
COMMENCE ON EVENING
OF JANUARY 2.

The opening game of the Syndicate Inter-city Tournament will be bowled Monday evening, January 2, between the Piedmonts and the Heesemans on the Syndicate Alley.

Great interest in bowling fans and the play is certain to be well worth witnessing.

Great care has been taken by the handicappers to see that the teams entered are evenly matched and so a close contest is anticipated.

The match game between Omar Conger and Karl Dechow, the miniature bowlers last night was witnessed by a large crowd and resulted in an easy victory for Conger. Score:

1st and 2nd Total Average
Conger . . . 119 147 177 404 134 2-3
Dechow . . . 119 136 145 400 133 2-3
289 283 322

The Heesemans and Syndicates had a jovial joust club roll last night, the Heesemans winning by 21 pins. Score, Heesemans 248, Syndicates 247.

Earlier in the evening the best of the players were too deep in contemplation of New Year's resolutions to give the best attention to their scores.

Joe Donohue has sufficiently recovered from his erratic streak to make it interesting to any bowler that happens along. He rolled five games yesterday with H. C. Carson as an opponent and made the following score: 208, 235, 222, 187, 231, total 1083, average 217-1-1.

Mr. Carson has just resumed the game after two months' indisposition and intends trimming the sails of both Merrill and Donohue before the season closes. He has to sit up nights to do it. His score against Donohue was 238, 246, 214, 208, 212, total 1058, average 210 2-5.

RING RECORD OF
W. LEWIS.HISTORY OF BRITTS' CHALLENGE—
JOHNSON'S HORSESHOE—
HERFORD'S SHIRT.

BY RINGSIDE.

And who is this Willie Lewis who is hurling challenges from the East to the West at James Edward Britt, one of us, and Arthur Battling Nelson who is among us?

According to the Eastern copy-chasers he is a metropolitan wonder and a person who would rather fight than not.

Dope on my desk shows that William has a most remarkable record. Disposes of them like pre-digested health food.

Since last May he has, as it is alleged, been a party in eighteen fights and won all of them. Can it be?

Respectable Mr. Lewis' last engagement was with Martin Canole at Portland, Me., on the afternoon of December 26, and he extinguished that worthy in the ninth round.

Now it took James E. Britt a somewhat longer period of time to gain a decision over the new star knock-out.

Ham't Lewis a legal right to telegraph out his deft direct to Britt and Nelson? If Canole hasn't had a reversal of form it would seem on the surface that Lewis cannot be given the eye look.

Let us dig deeper into the career of William Lewis. The chart says that in his eighteen engagements since last May, Lewis has scored nine knock-outs, seven decisions, and one draw.

Just previous to his meeting with Canole, it is said that Kid Lewis disposed of one Joe Tipman in the fifth round and then knocked him out.

Also, it is alleged that Lewis practically knocked out Robert Russell, an English lightweight, who once fought a fifteen-round bout with Jabez White, the English champion.

It seems that Willie sent Russell to the floor in the fifth round of their engagement, the bell rang while the Englishman was taking the count, he was taken to his corner, revived and was enabled to come to the wire for the sixth round.

In the sixth period Lewis again sent him to the carpet, but again did the bell close the fight prevent him being credited with a clean knock-out.

In Lewis' home precinct he is known by the simple term "the rib-smasher." It seems that he was christened such when he caved in the slats of two of his opponents.

Mr. Lewis has had other flirts of minor importance, but the above is a brief outline of his pugilistic career.

What's Jimmie Britt and Battling Nelson going to do about it?

JOHNSON'S HORSESHOE.

Those of you who have visited Link Dennis' gymnasium in the past days, did you notice that sometimes Jack Johnson limped a little with his left leg?

Yes? Know why? Well, he's carrying a horseshoe in his footgear.

Not long ago, when he was in the city, he was told that "Maud" or some supplement has to decorate her hoof, but the little fellow shied at that ever a Jeweler framed up.

It's not every day that husky Jack will tell the reason of his occasional limp. He had to come to me, however.

It seems that a lady friend gave Mr. Johnson the horseshoe for a holiday gift. He meant to wear it and wear the same on his watch chain.

But Jack has long ago ornamented his vest jewelry with a rabbit's hind foot, so he disposed of the bit or silver "good luck" in his shoe. How original!

And he intends to wear the horseshoe in the ring on the evening of January 2, when he meets Marvin Hart before Alex Greengrass' club across the bay.

Before the above date, Johnson is confident that he will have been rid of the slight annoyance caused by the strange article in his shoe and confidently believes that the presence of the holiday present will bring him success.

Link Dennis is a busy man these days. His emporium in West Oakland is crowded each afternoon with those of the white and colored nations watching Johnson and his partners, Sam McVey, Denver Ed Martin and Billy Woods, do gymnasium stunts.

AL HERFORD'S SHIRT.

Writing about Johnson's horseshoe reminds me of that variegated shirt which Al Herford wears every time he seconds Joe Gans in a pugilistic encounter.

It's a cotton affair that Al purchased cheap one evening of a Jew friend and then realized his mistake the next morning. 'Twas too late to change when Herford had the shirt on.

If any color in the rainbow does not appear in that covering of Herford's, it's because the maker's stock was low. But a cursory examination and an answer from Herford calls the guess that the colors were overlooked in the shirt's composition.

Herford couldn't realize enough on the shirt now to post a letter, but it's valuable to him. He thinks that Gans could not win a fight but for that piece of dry goods.

Why when Herford was out here a few months ago, last October it was, he told me that he kept the shirt in a safe-deposit box when at home for fear some other manager of a little star might steal it and thus deprive Gans of his "horseshoe."

The shirt now is almost in tatters. When Herford wore it the night Britt and Gans fought both sleeves were gone at the elbow, there was a nail rip up one side and the neck was on the fringe. A well-regulated tramp wouldn't allow the coroner to find him in such clothing.

But Herford sticks to the shirt, the shirt sticks to him and luck sticks to Herford and his fighter.

However, will the shirt outwear Gans?

CALIFORNIA IS GREATLY BENEFITED
BY HER ATHLETES AND
ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

BY EDDY SMITH.

Athletes and athletic contests have done more for the advertisement of California than one who has never been deeply interested in the sport imagines.

Throughout the Eastern States people are fully reading of boxing contests and various other sporting events taking place on the Pacific Coast.

As an example of this, large numbers of people coming from the East have asked where Harry Corbett's sporting headquarters are, saying that they had to read a great deal of the place at home.

The Reliance Club of this city is also well advertised through the East and has resulted in causing much advertisement to be brought to the City of Oakland; a great deal more than one might believe.

THE RELIANCE CLUB.

When the Reliance Club held boxing contests, telegraphic reports of the same were sent out under the date line of Oakland, while most of the other news coming from this city goes out over the wire under the date of San Francisco.

The Reliance Club has advertised Oakland through its football team and other athletic contests. While it may be argued that this kind of advertising does not bring people to Oakland, nevertheless it certainly has resulted in bringing them to the city and of California.

It is not many years ago that James Corbett, the "Gentle Giant," the "Man Jim," went to New Orleans and there won the American championship over John L. Sullivan.

CORBETT STARTED IT.

Corbett really was the original "booster" of California athletics in the East. Not a man, woman or child, who read the papers at that time but who often had occasion to mention the name of Corbett and California.

And Corbett himself did a great deal to advertise the State wherever he went and I know of my own personal knowledge how he talked of the advantages that a person has living here.

Seven or eight years ago Otto Zeigler, former Foster and Charva Wells went to Denver and there won the championship bicycle races held there under the League of American Wheelmen. Zeigler won two championships, and Foster annexed one.

Since then the State has been represented at the time of the time that Zeigler branched out, was practically unknown in the East, but since then, Zeigler, MacFarland, Edwards and Downing Brothers have advertised it all over the world by riding under the Gardner Wheelmen Club of San Jose, California.

OTHER CALIFORNIANS.

It would take up too much time and space to name over all the great athletes who have come from California. There are the ball players, boxers and others who have been made in this State and who have become champions throughout the United States.

There is Miss May Sutton of Southern California who won the championship of the world in the tennis tournament last summer; there is Ralph Rose, the California champion in the hammer throw and shot put; Floyd MacFarland, champion all around bicycle rider, and Burton Downing, championship amateur wheelman.

It hardly seems necessary to mention James J. Jeffries, championship heavyweight boxer, and Jimmie Britt, acknowledged champion lightweight. Also Frankie Neil, champion bantamweight, all doing their share to advertise California throughout the world.

GOOD STABLE FOR
SMATHERS.

KING OF THE TROTTERING TURF
FRAMES UP HIS RUNNING
HORSES.

E. E. Smathers, who the other day obtained first call on Jockey Bonnet, who is piloting on the local track, by paying the sum of \$6,000, will have a real stable next year. After a brilliant career with the trotters, he has entered the running racing game, and with a little luck he may make his stable one of the strongest on the American turf.

Every horse Sam Hildreth bought last season was purchased for Mr. Smathers, and Hildreth, it will be remembered was a busy man. He was in the East pretty much all through the last summer and fall, in spite of the fact that he had a big string in Chicago which needed his direction, and he attended personally all the sales of yearlings.

There are in his stables at Memphis thirty-six head of horses. They are chiefly yearlings; that is to say, colts and fillies, which, by virtue of an arbitrary regulation of the Jockey Club, are not to be shown until January 1. They are a representative lot.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Mr. Smathers played no favorites among the stock farms when he bought these colts and fillies. Some are from California and some from Kentucky; some are from Tennessee and some from New Jersey. The proportion of ten or fifteen thoroughbred breeding places will watch with keen interest the performances of the Smathers' horses next season.

There are no clear looking yearlings anywhere. Hildreth always has a keen eye for thoroughbred excellence. He does not always pick out big horses, as do most trainers, because he has not the fallacious notion that big horses must necessarily be good horses because they have size. There are small ones in the lot, but they are youngsters of the "big little" variety; that is to say, horses of big bone and muscular equipment for their size.

Hildreth did not buy old horses extensively, because Mr. Smathers did not want that kind. He prefers to develop his own material and he will be satisfied to let it develop. These colts and fillies at Memphis develop into runners. One or two of them, he believes, will make great reputations.

BASE BALL

Gossip of Local and
Eastern Players

Those who have witnessed the time-honored yaudeville stunt, wherein two comedians give a burlesque boxing match, develop a great deal of horse-play but accomplish nothing, doubtless recognized a familiar scene at the Mechanics' Pavilion in San Francisco last night when the much-lauded Sam Berger, the idol of the Olympics and Jimmie Casey, a gentleman of no particular pretensions, met in a four-round go before the Lincoln Club.

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If eggs had not been so high he might have got hit on the side as well. Truth to tell it was one of the latest attempt at high-class milking that the fight-going public has been unfortunate enough to pay its cash to witness in many days. Berger seemed fencing with shadows and his blows lacked direction and steam. Casey fired at random, his long arms working like flails. However, he was the aggressor from the start and early in the first round gave Berger an opportunity of viewing the celestial firmament to his heart's content. This was when one of his wild swings landed on the idol's head.

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CONTEST

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BOXING

ENGLISH SPORTING PAPER OF-
FERS VALUABLE PRIZES FOR
COMPETITION.

With a view of reviving boxing in England, an English sporting paper has offered a series of six prize bouts end cups of gold and silver to the value of \$2,500, which will be competed for during the season of 1905.

This competition is likely to prove a great boom for boxing in England, and may result in bringing out a lot of championship material, which may in time be heard from in this country, where a lot of new blood would be of great benefit to the sport of boxing.

The classes announced are as follows: Bantamweight, 5 stone (112 pounds) and under, striped, and weighed at 2 p. m. on the day of first heats being competed, with this proviso, if any one is overweight, they may be weighed at the ringside just prior to the drawing of the names of competitors in the ring at 7 p. m. prompt, on the night of the competition, in costume for which each pound will be allowed. Featherweight, 10 stone (140 pounds) and under, light he weighed at 12 p. m. on the day of first heats being competed, with this proviso, if any one is overweight, they may be weighed at the ringside just prior to the drawing of the names of competitors in the ring at 7 p. m. prompt, on the night of the competition, in costume for which each pound will be allowed. Featherweight, 10 stone (140 pounds) and under, light he weighed at 12 p. m. on the day of first heats being competed, with this proviso, if any one is overweight, they may be weighed at the ringside just prior to the drawing of the names of competitors in the ring at 7 p. m. prompt, on the night of the competition, in costume for which each pound will be allowed. Featherweight, 10 stone (140 pounds) and under, light he weighed at 12 p. m. on the day of first heats being competed, with this proviso, if any one is overweight, they may be weighed at the ringside just prior to the drawing of the names of competitors in the ring at 7 p. m. prompt, on the night of the competition, in costume for which each pound will be allowed. Featherweight, 10 stone (140 pounds) and under, light he weighed at 12 p. m. on the day of first heats being competed, with this proviso, if any one is overweight, they may be weighed at the ringside just prior to the drawing of the names of competitors in the ring at 7 p. m. prompt, on the night of the competition, in costume for which each pound will be allowed. Featherweight, 10 stone (140 pounds) and under, light he weighed at 12 p. m. on the day of first heats being competed, with this proviso, if any one is overweight, they may be weighed at the ringside just prior to the drawing of the names of competitors in the ring at 7 p. m. prompt, on the night of the competition, in costume for which each pound will be allowed. Featherweight, 10 stone (140 pounds) and under, light he weighed at 12 p. m. on the day of first heats being competed, with this proviso, if any one is overweight, they may be weighed at the ringside just prior to the drawing of the names of competitors in the ring at 7 p. m. prompt, on the night of the competition, in costume for which each pound will be allowed. Featherweight, 10 stone (140 pounds) and under, light he weighed at 12 p. m. on the day of first heats being competed, with this proviso, if any one is overweight, they may be weighed at the ringside just prior to the drawing of the names of competitors in the ring at 7 p. m. prompt, on the night of the competition, in costume

WHY "FARGO" HILL BECAME A STAGE ROBBER.

How the Loss of a Trunk Proved the Incentive For a Career of Crime.

BY BETTY MARTIN.

"Whatever induced you to become a stage-robber, Hill?" This question was propounded some time ago to the man who Thursday lost his life in the attempted break at Folsom prison, where he was familiarly known among his fellow-convicts as "Fargo."

"Wal, you see," replied he, in the low, drawling speech habitual to him, "it was like this. One time I lost a trunk through Wells, Fargo Co. It had in it everything I owned in the world. All my clothes, all the little things I cared for, and some money."

"But didn't they pay you for the loss—or didn't you ever trace the trunk?"

A curious glitter came into Hill's eyes at the question, and his mouth took on the lines which have made the local police refer to him as a "desperate character."

"I spent a whole year," came the reply, "tracin' that trunk. I never could get any satisfaction. I never got it again, and Wells, Fargo never paid for it, either."

"Strange! Did you place the facts before them?"

"Yes," answered he, "but they wouldn't do anything for me, an then I got mad, and made up my mind to get even and rob them. They stole from me, an' I thought turn about only fair play." Indignation blazed from the narrow steely eyes.

Thus it was that Hill became a lone highwayman—a member of that fraternity fast being driven from California by the encroachments of civilization, whose inroads are ever heralded by the iron horse.

In appearance, Hill looked anything but a robber bold. He was nearing fifty about the time I first encountered him, and was approaching the close of a sixteen years' term of imprisonment.

Tall, spare and raw-boned, he must have weighed something over one hundred and sixty pounds. His features were regular, his plentiful hair, iron-gray, and he might have been called good looking were it not for the shifty glances which he always bestowed upon those coming in contact with him.

He was known as a "second-term." That is, he had served time before, at San Quentin.

During his incarceration at Folsom, he had been relegated to a position as general helper in the convict kitchen, from whence, as his time lessened, he was promoted to the post of gardener at the home of one of the officers, where he spent many spare moments whittling strange contrivances for the boys of the household.

It was here that my strange acquaintance with this peculiar man commenced. He offered a tempting study to sociologists. Most of his spare time was devoted to the study of mathematics, although not an advanced student along that line, and among my household possessions is an old copy of Robinson's Advanced Arithmetic, well-thumbed by this lone highwayman, whose controlling thought through all these many years seems to have been voiced in the one word—revenge.

His was never known to take any one into his confidence, and conducted his stage-robbling expeditions alone and unaided, save by a black mask, gunny-sacks and trusty guns.

I well remember another conversation which occurred shortly before he left Folsom at the close of the before-mentioned sentence.

"Well, Hill," said I, "what are you going to do when you get out of here?"

"I guess," came the reply, with careful deliberation, "I guess I'll go to work."

But he never did go to good honest labor. In fact, I don't believe he ever intended to.

After a lapse of a few months he returned to his old calling, and held up another stage on a lonely mountain road.

His capture again followed shortly after, when that happened a desperate encounter with officers, during which Hill was maimed for life. This time he was sentenced to Folsom, for a term of thirty-seven years.

Thirty-seven years, to a man of Hill's age, meant practically life, so it would not be surprising to learn that, as Warden Yell surmises, he was a ring-leader in the attempted break of Thursday.

Yet this man, this hardened offender and desperate criminal, possessed a remarkable trait. He was sensitive to a degree that he should be branded a criminal by his clothes and menial occupation, and, unlike many of the house servants, disappeared from view whenever possible, upon the advent of strangers. Especially averse was he to being seen by women, whom he regarded in the light of a higher order of humanity.

There is no one so bad but owning much of human kindness in his breast, and this convicted burglar, whom officers feared to encounter single-handed, was the veriest lamb about the household, ever ready to fetch and carry, and when, on rare occasions, he unburdened himself, came tender memories of home and mother.

No one is wholly bad. Circumstances frequently make us what we are.

Mark Twain, in one of his stories, makes the assertion that probably there isn't one of us who, provided that the opportunity had fittingly occurred, might not have been a murderer. In other words, that each of us has committed murder in his heart.

There is more truth in this statement than most people would like to admit.

At times the finger of fate points so directly that one seems to walk the path indicated whether or no. Suppose that trunk had not been lost, or, suppose, having been lost, it had been paid for by the company in whose charge it had been given. Would Hill have become a highwayman? Who knows? "Pshaw," I hear a detective say, "that was only a cooked-up yarn. No one ever believes a convict. I don't believe the man ever owned a trunk, much less lost one. He was simply a born criminal."

That is the course of reasoning always adopted by officers of the law, whom long experience has taught to take the statement of convicts with a grain of salt.

Although known on the prison records as Henry G. Hill, this was not the real name of the convict who participated in the tragic break which cost so many lives and wounds, and few will recognize him under this cognomen.

The question of cause and effect is always a fascinating one, and this evolution of a stage-robber may not be without its lesson to those who read.

BETTY MARTIN.

SERMONS IN THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

WHAT THE LOCAL PASTORS WILL TALK ABOUT TO-MORROW.

BAPTIST.
Tomorrow evening at the First Baptist Church the pastor, Rev. H. J. Vosburgh, will preach a New Year sermon on "The Decline in Attendance and the Conversions in Protestant Churches During the Last Twenty-five Years." The sermon will be based upon the letters received from two hundred letters sent out by Mr. Vosburgh to church members and non-church members, asking for the reasons of the present situation, and the remedy for it. Letters were sent to lawyers, doctors, merchants, socialists, labor men, prohibitionists, professors, teachers, etc. The replies are striking and suggestive, and the reading of them with brief comments will constitute the sermon. Miss Gladys Munroe, a fourteen-year old violinist of San Francisco, a player of marked precocity, will assist in the musical service.

FIRST CHURCH.—Hon. H. J. Vosburgh, minister, 11 a. m., a New Year's sermon, "And He Went a Little Further;" 7:30 p. m., "The Decline in Protestantism in the Last Twenty-five Years." Calvary Baptist—Rev. W. C. Jenkins will preach this coming Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "God in the Passing Years;" evening, "Man's Place in God's Plan."

FIRST FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.—Twenty-first street between San Pablo avenue and Brush street; services, morning and evening, preaching by Rev. Wm. Robert Reud. In the evening, the pastor begins a series of sermons on the "Apostle's Creed." Golden Gate Baptist Church—J. P. Currin, pastor. The Sunday services will be introductory to a week of special work. At these meetings special singing will be a feature. The leaders are: Rev. Griffith Griffiths, January 2; E. M. Hill, January 3; H. H. Winter, January 4; Fred Johnston, January 5; H. F. Burgess, January 6.

CONGREGATIONAL.
First Congregational Church—Rev. Charles R. Brown, pastor. Morning, "The Call of the New Year;" evening, 7 o'clock, "Hand of the Messiah." The First Congregational Church departing this year from its usual custom of Communion Service at sunrise on New Year's Day, will hold instead a Watch Night Service in the auditorium of the church with full choir and organ, the address to be given by the pastor, Mr. Brown. All who feel that it would be good to spend the last hour of the Old Year in this way are cordially invited.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Corner Grove and Thirty-sixth streets. Rev. Frederic H. Maar, pastor. Tomorrow services, and reception of new members and baptismal service. Evening, 7 o'clock, service by the vested choir of Cathedral Mission of San Francisco.

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. H. F. Burgess, pastor. Morning, "Good Resolutions and How to Keep Them;" Communion at the close of the morning service. Evening, "Noted Graves of 1904."

MARKET STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. Griffith Griffiths, pastor. Service tomorrow at 11 a. m.; subject, "New Year, New Effort;" Christian Endeavor topic for 8 p. m. "Our Goal for 1905."

PRESBYTERIAN.
First Presbyterian Church—Rev. E. E. Baker, D. D., pastor; Communion and reception of new members, 11 a. m.; sermon, subject, "The Virtue of Being Ready;" People's service, 7:30 p. m.; gospel sermon, "A Good Resolution."

UNION STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. D. E. Potter, 11 a. m. Communion service; 7:30 p. m., "The Word Made Flesh." Centennial Presbyterian Church—Twenty-fourth street, near East Fourteenth street; morning subject, "Made a Blessing;" evening, "Striving Together for the Faith of the Gospel."

EPISCOPAL.
St. Andrew's Church—Corner of Twelfth and Magnolia. Morning and Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; celebration of holy communion and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening sermon, 7:30 p. m. Rector, Rev. O. St. John Scott.

TRINITY CHURCH.—Telegraph avenue and Twenty-ninth street, Rev. Clinton Macdon, rector; services 7:30, Holy Communion; 9:45 a. m. Sunday School, 11 a. m. Morning prayer sermon and Holy Communion; 7:30 a. m. evening prayer and sermon.

METHODIST.
Golden Gate—Rev. E. M. Hill. Morning, Rev. W. Boyd of Michigan, will preach. Evening, the pastor will preach. Subject, "Moses and His Call, or the Pleasure of Service and Selfishness Compared."

FIRST A. E. CHURCH.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Dick. Morning, "Taking Account of Stille—A New Year Sermon." Evening, "A Homelike Youth's Vision and Vow—A New Year Address." Selections from the Christmas cantata will be repeated in the evening.

CHRISTIAN.
First Church—Rev. Thomas A. Boyer, pastor. Morning, "Bills Due and Unpaid." Evening, Choral service with short address by the pastor.

UNITARIAN.
William M. Jones minister. Morning sermon, "The Things Time Cannot Change." After the sermon reception of new members into fellowship. Rev. William M. Jones wishes particularly to address every member and friend of the First Unitarian Church at the morning service tomorrow.

SCIENTIST.
First Church of Christ, Scientist—Corner of Franklin and Seventeenth streets. Subject, "Life." Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:45.

LUTHERAN.
Zion's German Evang. Lutheran—J. M. Theiss, pastor. At 10:45 a. m. Subject, "Jesus, Our Hope at the Beginning of the New Year." Evening service at 7:30.

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WATCHES.
"Watches Meeting"—Rev. J. A. Fraser, of the California Christian Alliance, will preach at Alpha Hall, 366 Ninth street, Sunday at 8 p. m.

LATTER DAY SAINTS.
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Magnolia and Sixteenth streets. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; sacrament, 11 a. m.; preaching, 7:45 p. m.; religious, 8:10 p. m. J. M. Terry, pastor.

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE. will hold services at 8 p. m. corner of Thirtieth and Market streets; "Going Forward;" Sunday School at 2 p. m.; Robert Pierce, pastor.

THE UNION SPIRITUAL SOCIETY will hold regular services Sunday in Fraternal Hall, Washington street near Fourteenth. At 3 p. m. the conference will discuss "Demonology," psychological readings follow. At 8 p. m. Dr. Anderson speaks on "The New Year and the Old," messages will be given by Mrs. S. Gordon, Mrs. Annie Hille and Mrs. L. M. Knott.

THE NEW THOUGHT SOCIETY will hold a service on Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Mar Temple on Broadway near Eleventh street. Lecture by Mrs. Ailis King of San Francisco, subject, "The Twentieth Century Religion." All welcome.

TOTS GREITED BY SANTA CLAUS.

PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE AT ST. PAUL'S GIVES MUCH PLEASURE.

The Christmas trees at St. Paul's were held on Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon. This parish tree was the occasion of great gladness and Santa Claus with his rich Southern voice made a great hit. The program consisted of carols, a recitation by Arthur Hoos, a piano solo by Henry Breck and a banjo selection by Dick McClure. The stage was arranged in the Sunday School room and the traditional chimney piece was hung with stockings, toys and candles were piled about in abundance. Santa Claus very graciously appeared at the chapel tree on Thursday afternoon. The children of the Chapel of the Good Samaritan came with the Mother's Club and again a good program was given. Pearl Cozzens, Gladys Cozzens, Dick McClure and Mr. Boek were the stars. At this celebration five children were baptized. Each child received a chapel candy box and a gift. A number of beautifully dressed dolls were distributed. The mothers fared as well as the children. The Mothers' Club will be a year old the 7th of January and that date will close a year of good work. Many mothers irrespective of creed or church affiliation go to St. Paul's every Thursday afternoon. They bring the babies and younger children. A program is prepared, coffee and cake served, flowers distributed and it is counted one of the plea ant days of the week. The children are taught Kindergarten songs by two young ladies so that the mothers have an absolutely free afternoon.

ALVARADO PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

ALVARADO, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Clarence Granger and daughter, Edith, who are now living in San Jose spent several days of the week with F. B. Granger and family.

At the regular meeting of the Whist Club, the first prizes was awarded to Miss Nauer and William Willis, and second prizes to Mrs. E. Farley and Jos. Sunkel.

A. Norris, the principal of the school here, is in San Jose attending the teachers' association.

Miss Dyer is visiting friends in San Francisco and Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hopper, nee Munson, of Sonoma, spent Christmas at the home of E. H. Dyer here.

Mr. Symon's mother and brother over Christmas.

The Starr family spent Christmas with Mrs. Starr's parents in Crocker.

William Alligore is home for a few weeks. He has been working in the Orland Sugar Refinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are entertaining relatives at their home here.

The Christmas party given by the Women of Woodcraft proved a most enjoyable affair. Eighty children were presented with presents and dainty refreshments were served.

NEW LIMITED SERVICE.

Over Southern Pacific Sunset Route.

Winter service over the Southern Pacific's great Sunset Route was formally inaugurated Dec. 29, 1904, when the Golden Gate Limited started on the first trip of its train between San Francisco and Los Angeles and Chicago via El Paso and Kansas City over the lines of the Rock Island system. This famous train now leaves Los Angeles at 12:01 p. m. daily, arriving at Chicago at 12 noon on the third day. Its equipment is better and finer than ever before, electric lights, steam heat and every other modern convenience being provided. The make-up of the train includes dining, observation, library and sixteen-section tourist cars, and drawing room sleepers are carried between San Francisco and St. Louis, and between Santa Barbara and Chicago.

A second fast train, carry Pullman standard and tourist sleepers and dining car, making the run to Chicago in less than three days, leaves Los Angeles daily at 1:45 p. m., over the same route.

The fine service of the Sunset Express, running between San Francisco, Los Angeles and New Orleans, is continued on its former schedule. Some notable additions, however, have been made to the equipment of this ever popular train, including composite observation car containing gentlemen's smoking room and a large parlor for ladies, an observation round being carried at rear of train. These new observation cars are a distinct advance in travel-comfort, and it is expected that they will prove the most comfortable and passenger travel adopted in recent years.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL BALL, A. O. H.

The Ancient Order Hibernians of Alameda County will give a grand ball on the night of March 1. Further announcements will be made later.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reputable physician, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. These new ointments are a distinct advance in travel-comfort, and it is expected that they will prove the most comfortable and passenger travel adopted in recent years.

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Not an Easy Matter to Pick Out the Senatorial Winner.

The KNAVE

Politicians Are all at Sea Over the Contest at Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—In writing the usual paragraph about the struggle for the United States Senatorship I might as well be honest with the TRIBUNE'S readers and confess that I know very little. In this I am about on a par with any other observer who speaks from an honest mind.

The candidates are making "claims." Bard and Flint have each counted well up in the 40's in estimating their strength. Knight is far more conservative. Oxnard hasn't fixed a figure. But never a one of them dares to show a list of supporters.

Wise men who look on from the outside and who are not given to prejudices confess they are all at sea. Take Al Murphy of the Examiner, Whitcomb of the Chronicle, Hugh Burke of the Call, and Fisher of the Bulletin. They have been seasoned in many political campaigns. They generally know what is going on, even when they cannot print all they know. But when they get together to discuss the Senatorship they are free to admit that they cannot figure intelligently on the outcome. George Hatton, John Lynch, Jere Burke and Walter Parker, who know more politics than anybody but W. F. Herrin will tell you "on the low down" that they cannot begin to see the finish of the fight. And here the Legislature is to go into session in two days. Nothing so blind was ever before known in California's recent political history.

It is next to impossible to get a Legislator to declare himself. Any of them are "stalling" by expressing intentions to vote on the first ballot for men who have no chance to win. There are three reasons for this reluctance to commit themselves. Some Legislators want to see how the cat is going to jump. They want to be with a winner, so as to be in line to ask for patronage and other favors. Then there are the natural-born programmers, who are straining their ears for orders from Herrin. These men are accustomed to keeping their mouths shut, but they really would like to be told how they are going to vote. Then come the men who are "out for the stuff," and who are waiting for the jingle of the spurs of Colonel Mazuma. Of course they will not commit themselves. To do so would be to destroy the value of their salable commodity.

But with three classes of men keeping their mouths tight it can readily be seen that it is next to impossible to forecast the result. Ruef will tell no one how his ten votes from San Francisco are to be cast. Your Alameda fellows are, generally speaking, as reticent as the rest. If a man cannot figure how his own county delegation is going to vote, what chance has he to win the reputation of a prophet by predicting the result in the State.

I should say that Flint's chances had improved during the week. There seems to be a tendency of the Herrin lieutenants to get together around him. They rather resent attacks upon him. The "organization" seems to lean his way. Against this, however, the Knight supporters point to the fact that Holman's Record-Union in Sacramento and Willis's paper in Auburn conspicuously printed my article showing how absurd are the claims of Southern California to an equal half share in the political patronage of the State. They declare that both Holman and Willis take program from the Southern Pacific, and argue that if the "organization" intended to get behind Flint of Los Angeles those two papers never would have reprinted an article that tended to belittle the claims and demands of the Southland. Now, however, the Chronicle, which is anti-organization, has taken up my argument and elaborated on it editorially. But Flint seems to have a growing strength none the less.

Bard's strength is not a sound strength. Many of the men of the South who will vote for him are programmers who have been given Bard instructions against their wish. They are eager to break away from those instructions and take program whenever that program is made up. Such supporters hurt a man's candidacy more than they help it. They will fall away on the first sign of weakness or join in the first stampede. They have to be nursed and coddled all of the time. They will not go into trading

combinations. Such are Senator Greenwell and Assemblyman Pyle of Santa Barbara, Amerige of Orange, Broughton of Los Angeles, Estudillo of San Bernardino and some others. Yet the hard supporters keep up in their show of confidence and send out a whisper every little while that they have gained a vote here or there.

It is easy to see, however, when all is said and done, that a man would have to be an expert political "clocker" to pick the winner in this race.

Writing of clockers, the racing prophets have been having a hard time of it. They came with a rush at the opening of the racing season. Their big advertisements were about the most amusing things in the daily papers. These were in the most extravagant language, and the prophets promised fortunes to the men who followed their tips. The whole town began to take notice and the tipsters evidently were in a fair way to get rich, notwithstanding the enormous amounts they paid for their advertising.

Then, of a sudden, their whole fortune came down like a house of cards. The Examiner began to print the real results of the clockers' tips. It was shown in short order that they were the worst of fakirs, and that a greenhorn going to the track, without a shred of information, could pick just about as many winners as they did. Their patrons left them at once. They reduced their rates and their advertisements, and to all practical purposes have gone entirely out of business. Of course a man had any really valuable information about the horses he would get rich on it himself, and it would not be for sale. But the fakirs thrived wonderfully for a time, and their success was a demonstration of the value of advertising.

The liveliest block in all our tenderloin seems about to change its spots. This is the block on Ellis street between Stockton and Powell. This has been the center of the sporting life. The betting men and the wine-buyers centered there. But now, with the completion of the big Flood building, the sports are giving way to the business men. Fredericks, the furniture man, has moved his big store up there, and Harry Corbett expects that he soon will be forced to move his pool-rooms and make place for a solid business firm. There are plenty of other places for Corbett and the sports, however.

The moving of Fredericks has caused the circulation of a story among business men of a sharp trick by Herbert Law, who now owns the building on Market street, just above the Palace hotel where Fredericks has had his store so long. Law is going to build a ten-story structure on the site. He wanted to get rid of his tenants. They had leases running for some time.

So he went to Fredericks and offered him \$20,000 if he would move out himself and get the Pommer-Eilers people to go also. Fredericks agreed. Then he looked around for a new site. Law had the real estate men keep him posted as to Fredericks' doings. When he found that Fredericks had signed a lease of the Ellis street property, Law at once posted "To Lease" signs on the office windows of his Market-street building.

When Fredericks came to him for the \$20,000, Law repudiated. He said he had changed his mind about building. It was going to stick to his leases. This made Fredericks beg like a slave to be let off on his lease instead of getting his \$20,000.

The Santa Fe is one of Law's tenants. He has not been able to get rid of the railroad as tenants, and its lease runs for many years yet. So he is going to tear down the old building and set up the new one while leaving the Santa Fe in possession of its offices. That is going to require some engineering.

Our Grand Jury seems to be getting into a bad mess in Chinatown. It has taken up the cause of the Chinese Educational Society against the See Yups, and, so far as I can learn, one crowd is as bad as the other. I think the Chronicle tale that the Educational Society was willing to call off the fight for \$20,000 is entirely correct.

But behind it all, Chief Wittman and the police grafters have had a

hard scare. I know this from the strenuous efforts that have been made to bring influence to bear to save Wittman. I heard Senator Ralston say the other day that two men had been to see him at different times to urge him to help Wittman with that Grand Jury. Now, the man who has to send around for influence in such a time of stress is getting scared. However, grafters are breathing easier. They seem to think they have this Grand Jury about where they want it. Certainly a lot of hard work has been done.

I laugh to see these stories of the wonders of Jin Jitsu coming up in the papers day by day. Evidently somebody is working off a very clever advertising scheme on the news men. Jin Jitsu is well enough advertised in the proper columns without taking up news space. It is a Japanese scheme for catching advantageous holds on an adversary for offense or defense. I am imperfectly convinced of its merits, after Greer Harrison's experience with it.

Some years ago a white athlete and a Japanese wrestler brought Jin Jitsu to this coast. They exhibited it the Olympic Club. They seemed to work wonders. William Greer Harrison became enamored of the art. At the Bohemian Club he boasted of what could be done with simple holds and twists, and he gave an exhibition with the two athletes in the Jinks room. Among other things he said that no man, however strong, could break a hold of the simple Japanese muscle mastery.

Harry H. Smith, who used to row on your estuary, and who is a great swimmer and all-round athlete, disputed Harrison, saying he could break any of the Jin Jitsu holds. He offered to bet a dinner for the crowd present, with all the wine that could be consumed. C. E. Bickford, the coffee broker, took half of Harrison's side of the bet, and a meeting in one of the club rooms was arranged.

First the white man took hold of Smith in his pet fashion. Smith let him get his hold to suit himself.

"Are you ready?" he asked.

"Ready!"

In less than no time Smith broke the hold and sent the man sprawling. He broke all the other holds. The Harrison insisted on trying the Jap against Smith. In this case the Jap was very nearly thrown out of the window. Harrison was chop-fallen, but he ordered a fine dinner. Eleven sat down. They were glorious drinkers. It was one of the wettest nights in the famous club. I think the wine bill was close upon \$300, though, of course much was spilled, and others joined the original eleven.

Ever since that night I have had my own idea that Jin Jitsu is a good deal of a fake, and I wonder how the correspondents are being worked.

One of the features of the Christmas celebration on this side of the bay was the inferior egg nog served in the various first-class saloons. There never was such a lot of poor "Tom and Jerry" concocted for the public in the drinking history of the town. In many instances the little milk used was of the thinnest quality, while the eggs were of that dramatically uncertain brand popularly known as "lime." Cooking whisky and pie brandy supplied the grog.

So rank was the mixture that in several of the first-class saloons the bartenders refused to send bottles to the customers with whom they were personally friendly.

I was glad to see that very few saloons gave away presents this year. The present the saloonman gives his customers at Christmas time is the nearest approach to death that comes in bottles. If he gives away whisky it is marked "Old Private Stock." "Old Private Stock" generally means colored and flavored chemicals. If they give away claret it is simply water colored with logwood. When brandy is the package handed out, the liquid borders on spontaneous combustion.

Let us hope that by next year no self-respecting saloon-keeper will attempt to jeopardize the lives of his customers with the aid of the Yuletide bottle.

THE KNAVE.

DRIVEN OUT BY FLOOD.

Water Main Bursts Near New York's Great Subway.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Quick work by a gang of men with picks and shovels early today prevented a repetition of the flood in the Subway which occurred two weeks ago through the bursting of a water main.

A 36-inch pipe burst near 145th street and Broadway and threw a stream of water high in the air. In a minute it was pouring into the subway station and a dozen passengers made a timely escape on a train, suffering only a slight wetting.

Men were hurried to the scene and succeeded in diverting the flood in another direction by building a dam. Cellars all about were flooded and the water reached a depth of eighteen inches in the street.

About the break the water boiled so fast it came from the ground and then took a course down grid on street and thence to the Hudson Traffic along the upper Broad-

way section came to a stop. All along in the side streets between 137th and 140th streets, houses on both sides were soon flooded by the thousands of tons of water. Tenants took alarm and began to pack their belongings preparatory to moving out.

Many thought that it would be unsafe to remain in their homes and started to leave only to find that the water was too deep to make wading safe. Not a cellar from Broadway to the river was left dry.

Assistance was called from the water department, but on arrival of the workmen it was found they had no key large enough to shut the gates controlling the main and it was more than an hour before the water finally stopped flowing.

The entire water supply of the city below Harlem and above Thirty-fourth street will be affected.

The main which broke is one of the two pressure service mains which supply the entire section west of Broadway.

MANY DEATHS CAUSED BY WORM
NEW YORK, December 31.—A letter to the Herald from Major L. L. Seaman, M. D., who has been privately been investigating conditions among the inhabitants of Porto Rico, states that the high death rate there and the anaemic condition of the rural population are due to the so-called hook worm known to science as "ankylostomum duodenale," which recently was stated to be highly prevalent in the Southern States and all tropical countries.

When fully developed the worm sometimes attains a length of three-quarters of an inch. Treatment of five thousand cases and exhaustive investigation by a medical commission extending over the year show, according to Major Seaman, that the disease produced by the worm has caused more than 40 per cent of the deaths in Porto Rico.

The parasite is really a blood sucker. Its development requires about two

months and its work in the intestines has been found to greatly reduce the red corpuscles of the blood vessels. Some of the patients examined showed under microscopic tests only 25 per cent of the normal amount. One man had only thirteen per cent. The blood bore a pinkish tint, almost as light as water. At least 90 per cent of the rural population on the island is asserted to be affected by the ravages of the parasite, almost destroying their energy. Three or four doses of thymol or of beta-naphthol have generally proved the most successful treatment. A successful campaign of sanitation teaching the rural population to use the simplest sanitary methods in every day life would, Major Seaman declares, turn Porto Rico into a garden spot and the majority of the inhabitants into a healthy, happy, red blooded people. Unsanitary habits have been inherited he asserts, and the present generation can scarcely be held responsible.

BOY INJURED PLAYING AT DUEL

BITTE, Mont., December 31.—A Miner special from Harlem, Mont., says that Clyde Turner, a well known young man, was shot and seriously wounded at an early hour this morning by Lynn Tolbert, his companion, while the two boys were playing duel. Turner in a spirit of fun challenged Tolbert to duel and the latter following the actions of his playmate quickly grabbed a revolver which he believed to be empty and snapped the trigger, the bullet passing through Turner's chest. The officers held the shooting to be purely accidental.

THREATEN TO STRIKE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Teopollan mine laborers are threatening to strike again and the authorities are sending forces to prevent disorder, cables the Valparaiso de Chile correspondent of the Herald.

The British bark Dunlaw, ready to leave British with a cargo of nitrate, was burned and is a total loss.

HOUSES SINK IN BOG.

Ireland's Peasants Are Endangered By Gliding Quagmire.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Graphic details are being received of the devastation caused by a moving bog in the County of Roscommon, Ireland, says a Herald dispatch from London.

The bog which is known as that of Cloonshever is three miles from Castlereagh. When it began to slide, it covered three-quarters of a mile in a few days, covering everything in its way with peat and water to a depth of eight to ten feet.

According to reports from the scene the peasants are surrounded on all sides with miles of bog and water. The inhabitants of Cloonshever, a village in the valley of about 150 on-tory cottages barely escaped with their lives, the bog having moved unawares upon them.

Many of the peasants' houses have continued the correspondent, wholly disappeared, while all that is to be seen of the others is the chimney tops.

Here and there a lifeless tree marks the spot where well-filled fields have

disappeared, probably forever. At one point there is a lake of ten or twelve acres, which had been formed in the last few days of pent-up mountain streams.

Unless some means is speedily adopted to drain off this water it will undermine the entire bog and disaster may be anticipated. At later dispatch states that the lake is steadily extending upward toward a number of houses on the rising ground. The land attached to the holdings has already been covered over by the creeping bog.

LAND IS FLOODED; CATTLE DROWNED

VANCOUVER, B. C., December 31.—The rich bottom land farms of Westham Island, at the mouth of the Fraser river, are all under water, much property has been damaged and many head of livestock drowned.

Several breaks occurred in the dykes surrounding the island last night owing to the extremely high tide, together with the rough weather and the water streamed in on the farming lands all night and now a great portion of the island is covered to the depth of from three to four feet. The farmers of the settlement will lose considerable by having their outbuildings flooded and fences carried away. A number of sheep which were grazing on a portion of the island were drowned. Efforts are being made to repair the dyke.

INCREASING FORTIFICATIONS
VICTORIA, B. C., December 31.—While the British Admiralty is considering the reduction of the Esquimalt fleet and virtual abandonment of the station, the army is increasing its fortification work. The military author-

ties have a definite program for the defenses and are carrying it out without respect to the naval changes.

Plans are being made for a new fort which was proposed some time ago at Red Hill. Orders have been received at Esquimalt to ship the naval stores now on hand as well as some on the way by a steamer due next week, to Sydney, Australia.

FREE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND

The California State Library is preparing to open a free circulating library of embossed books for the blind in the State of California. These books will be distributed to individuals absolutely free of all expense, just as the traveling libraries are now being sent to towns without a public library.

Everyone reading this communication is requested to send to the State Librarian at Sacramento the names and addresses of every blind person known to them living in California, even if they are doubtful as to the probability of their making use of the books.

TO MERGE OFFICES.
PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 31.—R. R. Ritchie, Pacific Coast Agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, with headquarters at San Francisco, is in Portland to effect the merging of the office of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha with that of the local offices of the Pacific Northwest under one head, and with this end in view the offices of the two companies at Portland, Seattle, Spokane, and Helena will each be put under the charge of the one company or the other.

The office of general agent will be filled by W. A. Cox, who has been up to this time general agent for the Northwestern at Philadelphia.

FLAMES THREATEN DRYDOCK.

Two Fires of Mysterious Origin Menace Government Property.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Hundreds of mariners and sailors buckets in hand, have aided the navy yards fire department and the crew of the government tug Modoc in fighting two small fires of mysterious origin at League Island sparks from which threatened to destroy the great dry dock in course of construction.

The fires started within an hour of each other on the platform of a towering wooden crane on the bank to the west of the dry dock.

The crane, 175 feet high, was saved by a party of mariners who climbed up the blazing structure and fought the fire at close range.

Four machines were overcome by smoke and two sailors from the Denver in their eagerness to reach the scene fell into the river. They were rescued.

Rear-Admiral Dickens, the commandant, probably will appoint a Board of inquiry and have a thorough investigation made as to the cause of the fires. The marine guard was at once doubled.

MINISTERS IN UNITY

**Week of Prayer to Be
Observed By Federation
of Churches.**

BERKELEY, Dec. 30.—Preparations are being made by the federated churches of Berkeley for a week of prayer, which will begin to-morrow and continue until next Saturday.

An extensive program has been arranged under the direction of a committee of ministers, which provides for the holding of a series of religious services in two large churches of the city—the Congregational and Christian churches. Each afternoon an appointed minister will conduct a series of religious services, and at night services will also be held. The Berkeley Federation of churches includes all the Protestant denominations, and is conducting a series of religious services in a striking fashion during this coming week of prayer. Episcopal and Baptist ministers, Congregational and Methodist clergymen, and the ministers of the Lutheran

on the program for addresses during the week includes Rev. E. L. Parsons, Rev. E. Darst, Rev. A. S. Conter, Rev. W. C. Hopkins, Rev. W. E. Scudder, Rev. C. K. Jenos, Rev. Spencer, Rev. Eastman and others.

To-morrow each minister will deliver an address in his own pulpit appropriate to the first day of the year, and referring to the week of prayer which that day will usher in. Then the congregations and ministers will come together

WANTS INVESTIGATION.
BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge has presented to President Roosevelt a petition asking for an investigation by the Bureau of Commerce and Labor of trade conditions in New England to determine what effect reciprocity with Canada and New Foundland would have upon trade in those States.

"I manage to keep my boarders longer than you do," said the first landlord.

"Oh, I don't know," rejoined the other. "You keep them so thin that they look longer than they really are."

—Chicago News.

"ESMERELDA" IS
PRESENTED.

AMATEURS SEEN IN PLAY GIVE
AT CONGREGATIONAL
ARMORY.

armory last night. The play, which derived from a story by Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett, was acted entirely by amateurs. The proceeds were devoted to the music fund of the Congregational Church.

Following is the cast of characters:

Old Man Rogers, E. E. Bryan;
Lydia Ann Rogers, his wife, Mrs. Henry Wetherbee; Esmeralda, their daughter, Mrs. Daniel Crosby; Dave Hard-

Spencer Riley; Estabrook, F. Howa-
Seely; Jack Desmond, an artist, Har-
Fletcher; George Desmond, Elsie Ma-
wedel; Kate Desmond, Mrs. F. How-
ard Seely; George Drew, a mining spe-
ulator, George Steele; Marquis de
Montessin, an adventurer, Har-
Fletcher.

TREE BLOCKS TRAFFIC.
Early yesterday morning one of the great cypress trees along Fruitvale avenue was blown down at the corner of Saunders street. It fell across the car line, breaking the trolley wire and

bringing it to the ground. Until after
o'clock the Fruitvale avenue car was
unable to get past the obstruction and
remained in Diamond.

LODGE MEETS.

Ah Wah Nee Tribe, No. 84, held a
regular meeting last night.

Tonight the Women of Woodcraft are
to hold a watch-night entertainment
at Masonic Hall.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown, of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure. Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the perfect remedy."

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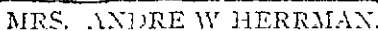
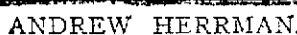
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Public Administrator's Report.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA:
 GEORGE GRAY, Public Administrator of Alameda County, California, respectfully makes this return of all estates of decedents which have come into his hands. This return is for the time commencing July 1, 1904, and ending December 31, 1904, and the same is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 1726, Code of Civil Procedure of California.

[illegible]

With the completion of long, rapid and variable ice currents flowing from some of the icebergs, it might be considered reasonable to suppose that navigation interests would seriously object to a low bridge that would bridge on the plan submitted, if constructed. It would often be the case that the icebergs would be a nuisance to life and property, and it is likely that there would be an unreasonable obstruction to navigation.

It is inferred from the protests that a suspension bridge would be objectionable to the navigation interests. From a view of the existing traffic and such interests, as seems likely, would probably prove that a suspension bridge would be the least hindrance of which should be about seven feet above low water. Probably 90 per cent of all vessels passing would pass under a suspension bridge. The expense it is probable that more than 90 per cent of all vessels passing would pass under a suspension bridge. The expense of other spans too high to pass under a vessel of 200 feet or more of clearance. It is probable that the cost of a bridge estimated that the piers of such a bridge for economy of construction would be objectionable to the navigation interests. The navigation interests might object to such piers. A bridge without piers in the water would be objectionable to the navigation interests. A bridge above referred to is a compromise between a high and low bridge, and may be objectionable to the navigation interests.

Geraldine Bonner's letter to the Argonaut of January 21 deals with two widely different topics. An evening at the opera with Melba and the Star simplifies material for the first part, and the remainder is devoted to a visit to New York's famous "Bread Line," where, at midnight, each applicant is given a bowl of soup and a cup of coffee. The letter is extremely interesting. Robert Hunter's book "Poverty" is one of the most notable books covering a subject that has been issued recently. It is devoted to information regarding the distribution of wealth in this country, and contains some statistics that make deductions that show careful thought. The Argonaut of January 2d devotes much space to this book, giving many extracts from it. Among the other notable features of the Argonaut that fall under the title of "Hell" are "Hell's Hell," a sketch of desert life by Adelaide Wilson, a New York letterer from Geraldine Bonner, who tells of the opera and of the famous "Bread Line," a review of the extracts from the book "Poverty" by Robert Hunter, and a criticism of "The Darlings of the Gods" at the Grand Opera House by Josephine Hart Phelps.

Date of Issuance	Number of State	NAME OF DECEDENT.	Approximate Value of Estate as Far as Ascertained	Moneys Which Have Come Into the Hands of the Public Administrator	Fees, Expenses, Debt Family Allowances, Funeral Expenses Paid by the Public Administrator	Balance of Money on Hand.	Administrators Fees	Remarks
1903.								
February 8	8384	Mary A. Shovel, formerly Mary A. Steele	None	None	None	None	None	Foreclosure
April 17	8401	Samuel Bloodgood	\$732 97	\$732 97	\$337 32	\$395 65	51 30	Pending Distribution
May 7	8416	Arthur W. Crawford	1099 00	None	11 60	None	Unpaid	Pending
May 10	8418	Frank Miller	348 59	348 59	162 02	186 57	None	Final account settled
June 12	8508	Sol Cohen	138 46	138 46	101 70	36 75	9 70	Final account settled
June 15	8111	Jeanne Potter	1142 75	1142 75	1145 75	None	80 00	Final act settled, Adm. disch.
June 22	81	George N. Parkhurst	None	None	None	None	None	Foreclosure
June 19	8622	Elizabeth Le Roy	6 50	6 50	648 35	78 05	43 75	Final account settled
October 24	8752	Serellus McCarthy	50 00	None	None	None	None	Pending
September 10	8754	Thos S. McGee	1190 19	162 85	1 48	None	Unpaid	Pending
August 25	8758	J. M. Williamson (Spec'l Administration)	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
September 14	8759	Carl St. Julien	3411 53	3126 33	513 12	2613 41	19 90	Final account settled
October 27	8760	Mary St. John	73 00	44 85	29 07	24 97	13 00	Final act settled, Dist' Ord.
September 26	8761	Ann Kells	70 00	46 90	10 00	8 40	Unpaid	Pending
October 26	8764	Ann May	600 00	60 50	31 15	29 34	Unpaid	Pending
October 31	8820	Thomas L. Franka	No Value	None	None	None	None	Foreclosure
December 5	8821	John A. McDonald	130 50	130 50	None	9 34	Final act settled, Adm. disch.	
November 4	8862	James Cones	Unknown	147 00	45 50	101 50	Unpaid	Pending
November 23	8897	Patrick McCarthy (Spec'l Administration)	23 35	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
December 7	8898	C. B. McLeod	No Value	None	None	None	None	Foreclosure
December 14	8921	S. B. Bates	1130 00	767 50	767 50	None	78 50	Final act settled Dist. Ord.
December 21	8938	Anna Sheib (Special Administration)	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
December 11	8905	Artion Garcia Beldria	40 15	64 15	272 20	38 14	Settled Adm. discharged	
August 14	8775	Luis Brown	None	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
September 23	8777	Lila A. Fouts	450 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
September 22	8776	Parthenia N. Allen	450 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
September 22	8777	William Allen	450 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
1904.								
January 4	8935	John Leach	No Value	None	None	None	None	Foreclosure
January 5	8936	Jacob Selberg	150 00	25 00	5 50	19 50	Unpaid	Pending
January 5	8937	Estelle M. Delahanty	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
January 5	8938	Charles W. Cook	None	None	None	None	None	Foreclosure
January 18	8967	Friederick Stoffer, etc.	2952 00	565 91	544 62	281 19	Unpaid	Pending
January 26	8990	John Wilson	183 83	127 95	10 00	20 15	Unpaid	Pending
February 1	9000	Edna L. Stanley	115 33	135 85	69 86	72 03	9 00	Settled residue distributed.
February 12	9045	Mary L. Reynolds	None	None	None	None	None	Settle quiet title
February 16	9011	Ferdinand Eugene Massard, etc.	617 31	375 56	175 00	29 06	25 15	Settled
March 1	9030	Giovanni Vannucci	100 00	124 00	69 43	70 47	25 15	Residue distributed
March 14	9104	Albert G. Guinet	49003 00	14019 20	726 40	6256 10	Unpaid	Pending
March 14	9115	Michael Hajdev (Special)	1008 47	1008 47	10 00	894 47	Unpaid	Pending
April 8	9116	William P. Stollenberg	183 48	178 45	218 70	Unpaid	Pending	Settled
April 8	9148	Olson Owens, etc.	612 15	612 15	40 00	572 15	Unpaid	Pending
April 8	9146	Annie Conpton	805 60	805 60	30 45	504 15	Unpaid	Pending
April 29	9160	Catherine Leonard	650 00	80 00	None	570 00	Unpaid	Pending
May 5	9181	Anton Marshall	84 03	84 03	84 03	None	5 53	Settled Adm. discharged.
May 5	9274	Charles W. Shephard (Special)	4561 90	3474 90	10 00	3470 90	Unpaid	Pending
May 16	9214	Charles W. Shephard	41 50	41 50	16 00	25 50	Unpaid	Pending
May 27	9242	Emma Work	644 50	79 60	2 50	16 59	Unpaid	Pending
June 17	9223	Myranda B. McAlpin	250 00	64 53	None	185 47	10 00	Settled estate distributed.
June 8	9234	Louise Monres, etc.	350 00	111 22	79 00	239 78	Unpaid	Pending
June 17	9235	Thomas Harris	600 00	36 00	25 21	567 79	Unpaid	Pending
Letters not yet issued	9236	G. F. Thompson	6000 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
July 8	9305	Hugh King	150 00	16 15	20 00	133 85	Unpaid	Pending
Letters not yet issued	9306	John Desmond	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
Letters not yet issued	9322	Joseph Moscrop	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
August 22	9344	William Joseph Barrows etc	775 89	694 60	14 50	521 09	Unpaid	Pending
August 22	9345	Arthur A. Bolincho	100 00	135 55	30 00	64 55	Unpaid	Pending
August 22	9364	Petio Viranda, etc	400 85	850 50	48 50	761 30	Unpaid	Pending
August 15	9209	Harriet Osborn Heatt, etc	370 00	None	21 97	None	Unpaid	Pending
August 15	9366	George L. Brown	2161 00	1070 00	0 00	1021 00	Unpaid	Pending
August 15	9367	Thomas Leonard	310 00	None	7 00	None	Unpaid	Pending
September 10	9380	Theresa Bulter	50 00	None	26 72	None	Unpaid	Pending
September 12	9411	James Dowling	888 00	510 49	6 73	371 78	Unpaid	Pending
September 12	9438	John T. Granger	170 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
September 26	9434	Walter Blackie	4006 52	1006 15	11 00	4003 56	Unpaid	Pending
Letters not yet issued	9469	Catherina Martin	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
October 7	9471	George L. Faust etc	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
October 17	9440	Kate Conard	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
October 17	7097	Rafaelito Peticuande	3000 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
November 21	9436	William Frederick Helmskamp	11 25	200 00	11 25	188 00	Unpaid	Pending
November 21	9431	John B. Wandesforde	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
November 14	9451	Enoch Sanders	8266 00	3255 00	2810 20	454 80	Unpaid	Pending
Letters not yet issued	9451	Elizabeth Hanlon	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
December 9	9453	L. H. Fittcher	150 00	None	4 40	None	Unpaid	Pending
November 19	9556	Amelia Peters (Special Letters)	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
December 16	9571	D. B. Bees, etc	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
December 16	9573	Marjaret Dunn	Unknown	2200 00	25 00	2175 00	Unpaid	Pending
Letters not yet issued	9590	Sampel Neece	600 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
Letters not yet issued	9670	Charles Forberg, etc	150 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
December 16	9671	Charles Forberg	Unknown	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending
Letters not yet issued	9672	Otto F. Helmg	150 00	None	None	None	Unpaid	Pending

State of California,
County of Alameda--ss:

George Gray, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Public Administrator of the said Alameda County that the foregoing is a full, true and correct return of all estates of decedents, which have come into his hands for the estates hereinbefore named. That he is not and was not at any time interested in the expenditures of any kind made on account of any estate he administered, nor is he associated in business or otherwise with anyone who is so interested.

GEORGE GRAY
Public Administrator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December A D. 1904 JOHN S. DE LANCEY,
(SEAL.) Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.
CLARENCE CROWELL, and GEO. W. REED,
Attorneys for Public Administrator, 357 Broadway, Oakland, Cal.

ASKS FOR MORE ENGINES.

CHIEF BALL REQUESTS BOARD
FOR THREE ADDITIONAL FIRE
FIGHTING MACHINES.

Fire Chief N. A. Ball, in a report to the Board of Police and Fire commissioners yesterday, recommended the installation of three new fire engines in different parts of the city and the erection of five engine houses.

He recommends that the engines be placed on Twelfth and Union streets, Twenty-fifth and Broadway, and at Linden Vista. Houses are to be erected at each of these points. Additional houses are to be erected at the intersections of the streets.

Among the other recommendations is that one of all wires be placed underground at least at the intersections of the streets.

The Chief says that the wires are becoming so numerous and piled in such close contact with buildings that they are a serious fire hazard.

The loss by fire was \$14,572.73. The insurance was \$14,072.73.

It is the opinion of the board of fire commissioners that the department are practical, the same

M'KEEGAN'S HEARING SET.
The hearing of Policeman M'Keegan on a charge of making an unwarranted arrest was set for January 7.
Mayor Olney said that he did not wish to hear the charges particularly, and said it would be agreeable to him if Commissioners Turner and McElroy investigated and acted in the case.

NEWS LETTER

The Christmas or holiday number of the San Francisco News Letter has been noticed before by THE TRIBUNE but we cannot refrain from mentioning the fact that it seems one of the most popular of all the Christmas publications.

The news stands of Oakland report an extensive sale, far distancing all competitors and the publisher have sent

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PROBATE NOTICE.
In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.
In the matter of the estate of GEORGE E. GRANT, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 21st day of January, A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, and the Courtroom of Department No. 4 of said Court, at the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, have been appointed as the time and place for proving the will annexed to the application of George E. Grant, Jr. for the issuance to him of Letters of Administration with the will annexed thereto.
Dated December 31st, A. D. 1904.
JOHN E. COOK, Clerk.
By G. S. HENNING, Deputy Clerk.
BISHOP & HOEFLER, Attorneys for Petitioner, 532 Market St. San Francisco.

PROBATE NOTICE.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.
In re matter of the estate of Sarah A. Homager, deceased.

Notice of time set for proving will, etc.

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said court for the probate of the will of Sarah A. Homager, deceased, and for the issuance to J. A. Dennis of letters testamentary upon said will, and that said court has fixed that Monday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day at the Court Room of said County of Alameda, in said City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition, and that all persons who have or where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated December 26th, 1904.

By Martin J. Hanley, Deputy Clerk.
GEO. INGRAHAM, Attorney for Petitioner, 906 Broadway, Oakland, California.

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AT THE PLAY



rupted success which is a record closely approaching those held by any of the good wholesome plays seen throughout the country in past years. Both humor and sentiment figure in the make-up of this sterling play. The character of Von Yonson represents in a faithful manner a quiet, simple-minded, inoffensive Swede, who, in his own way tries to make a living without offending or injuring anyone. In David Blumenthal who impersonates the character this year all of the guileless and simple humor of the uninitiated Swede is brought out. Blumenthal's long residence in Sweden and his later New York experiences aptly fit him for the character. The remainder of the company has been recruited from the best available talent and the appearance here of this attraction should prove a great drawing card. New scenery and accessories help to make the production one of the best. Seats are now on sale at popular prices.

SULTAN OF SULU.

"The Sultan of Sulu" a musical satire that has had a record-breaking career since its first inception will be the piece de resistance at the Macdonough Theater for one night, Monday January 3rd.

Geo. G. Ade the Indiana humorist is responsible for the book and lyrics and Alfred G. Walthall for the music. The lines fairly scintillate with Ade's as the clean cut incisive humor of the author of "Fables in Song" is called and the music is delightfully

welcomed by all who have seen the play this week. To that end he sequel play "Rupert of Hentzau" will be the attraction next week and it will be just as elaborately and beautifully staged as "Zenda" this week. There will be a special matinee on Monday, January 2d and the regular matinee will be given as usual on Saturday and Sunday. No one should miss this delightful sequel to this week's play. It will be a mighty good way to start the New Year.

THE NOVELTY.

It is to be regretted the present bill cannot be continued another week for never in the history of the Novelty Theater has the program been sur-

in attendance afternoons and evenings. Commencing on Monday the following new faces will be seen here for the first time. Arlington and Wetherbee aerial artists of note just from a successful tour of the Antipodes, where they performed in the leading theaters in those sections. Penrose and Trescott, a song and dance duo of prominence who have been recognized as top-notchers in their line on East coast circuits will no doubt make good. Montgomery and Morse lightedancers, and monologists make their American debut coming direct from South Africa. Miss Beekie Harris Thorpe who possesses a fine contralto voice will be heard for the first time on this side of the Rocky Mountains. There are several others which will appear whose names will be announced later. There will be new illustrated songs and also the latest budget of motion pictures. Altogether the bill is the most acceptable one which is always the case at this favorite theater. There are two matinees on Saturday and Sunday and one on other days. There are never less than two right performances. The admission to the new penny arcade is free which is open from 1 p. m. until after the last show every night.

THE EMPIRE.

This week's attendance at the Empire breaks the record at this house. To accommodate the vast crowds every performance has been given. The class of the show has warranted the audiences and Manager Carlson appears to have stuck the popular cord in selecting the vaudeville people for his house. Everyone seems to please the patrons. The program this week is up to the customary high standard as seen at this theater of late—under the present management. Notwithstanding the great success of those appearing this week they have to make room for new faces next Monday when there will be a complete change of program. The new people will compare favorably with those seen at the present time. The management is not stopping at expense in securing talent. There are always at least seven numbers on the bill. In addition to the new people for next week there is also a new budget of motion pictures and illustrated songs just to hand. At the matinee the children are admitted for five cents. There is at least one day performance and two in the evenings with extra shows on Saturday and Sunday nights.

THE BELL.

Crowded houses are the rule at every performance this week at this popular playhouse. The entire week Lily and her six maids made a decided hit. Pete Dunsen's in a pictured melody song entitled "Day by Day" with mechanical slides did splendidly as did the entire company consisting of John T. Powers the comedian Miss Jessie Lawrence the prima donna soprano, the Burdette comedians and slack wire walkers, a new series of animated pictures and several other large feature acts all contributed to make the entire bill a grand success. For next week the management promises many surprises with many new feature acts. James Hennessey comedian and monologist of reputation makes his Oakland debut, and he will no doubt prove as great a drawing card as he has been in all the Eastern houses.



TEMPEST AND SUNSHINE IN THE "TWO LITTLE WAIFS"

lunatic and catchy. The seat sale will be announced later.

SILVER SLIPPER.

The attraction at the Macdonough Theater for one night Wednesday, January 11th will be John C. Fisher's stupendous musical production. The Silver Slipper in a completely new dress with new songs music and dancing numbers. It will be the most extravaganza in making stage entertainment ever presented in America.

A SEASON OF COMIC OPERA.

The famous Tivoli Comic Opera Company from the Tivoli San Francisco is to go on the road for four weeks during the Grand Opera season at their theater and out of that time one full week will be devoted to Oakland at the Macdonough Theater where they will produce at least four of their greatest comic opera successes including King Dodo. The dates arranged for their engagement are January 12th to January 17th inclusive. Two matinees one on Saturday and one on Sunday. The prices to be paid here will be the same as at the Tivoli in San Francisco namely 25c, 50c and 75c for the evening performance and 25c and 50c for the matinee.

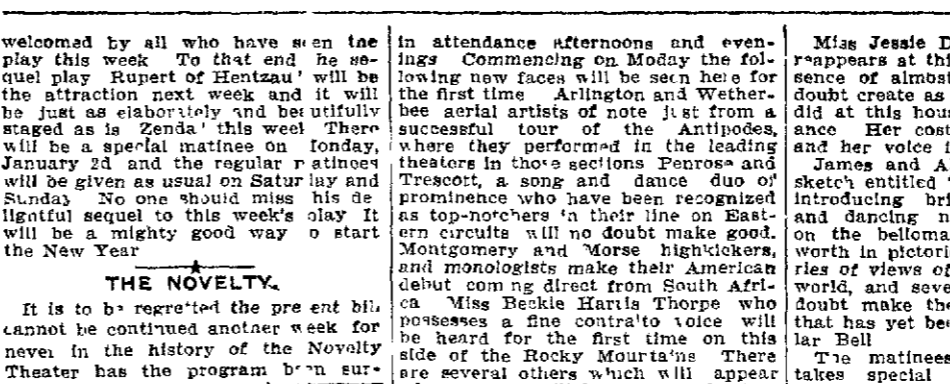
AT YE LIBERTY.

It will be the policy of the management to produce only the very best plays obtainable next year and in the same elaborate manner that has already in the short space of nine months given them much more than local reputation. Their motto seems to be that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and this motto has been the means of giving to the people of Oakland a stock house as complete and fine in every detail as may be found anywhere in the country.

One of the most attractive bills that has ever been given at Ye Liberty is this week's attraction. The Prisoner of Zenda as the crowded houses at every performance can testify for the production in respect to costumes and scenery and general accessories is as beautiful as skilled labor and money could make it. The company which seems capable of playing anything and playing it well are excellently cast and the story is one of those romantic tales that is always interesting especially when put upon the stage in an attractive form. Love honor and intrigue hold sway and the audiences touch shoulders and clap hands across that rustic borderland of footlights, with kings and queens and other royal personages. The last three performances of "The Prisoner of Zenda" will be given tonight and tomorrow night.

The pretty love story of Rudolph and Flavia and the shrewd cunning of Rupert of Hentzau, the staunch friendship of old Col. Sapt and the pitiable weakness of the king, are so interesting that more of them will be gladly

SCENE FROM THE BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS.



Miss Jessie Dale the girl baritone, reappears at this theater after an absence of almost a year and will no doubt create as great a success as she did at this house at her first appearance. Her costumes are of the best and her voice is certainly marvelous. James and Allen in an up-to-date sketch entitled "Peace in the Family" introducing bright comedy, singing and dancing new series of pictures on the bellomatograph. Pete Dunsen in pictorial melodies, a new series of views of different parts of the world, and several other acts will no doubt make the bill one of the best that has yet been shown at the popular Bell.

The matinees of which the Bell takes special pride are becoming more popular every day. The admission price for children at the matinees continues as always five cents.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Miss Blanche Bates has made an extraordinary hit at the Grand Opera House in David Belasco's remarkable production of "The Darling of the Gods" which begins the second week of its run in San Francisco next Monday night. Very few players are successful in their home towns. Indeed it is a tradition among stage folk that the birthplace of a star is far from the place for a star possibly according to the theory that a prophet is without honor in his own country. With Miss Bates however the opposite is proved to be true. She established an exception to the rule. San Francisco the stars home town sent its best people to greet her on her opening night and Miss Bates won her enthusiastic approval.

There has never been witnessed in this city a play at once so pretentious and with such an evident wish to care to detail. The play of David Belasco is seen in every place of the grand scenery, and the gorgeous color schemes which are the result of his conception to the rule. San Francisco the stars home town sent its best people to greet her on her opening night and Miss Bates won her enthusiastic approval.

The story of the play has been told many times and it is impossible to adequately describe the work of Miss Bates and her splendid company of players from Belasco's theater. New York. The place and Miss Bates must be seen to be appreciated. For one thing above all else Mr. Belasco is to be praised. He has sent an organization to San Francisco composed of real actors and actresses. Many managers deem it necessary to out their expenses for a "trip to the Pacific coast, with the result that he usually get a number of mediocre players who poorly imitate the men who have preceded them. David Belasco however with his keen judgment has broken this custom by sending to San Francisco a company of clever actors. Indeed five of the men in the cast have either starred or appeared as leading men in the past.

Miss Bates will play a few years matinee next Monday and on the Thursday following she will play a special extra matinee consisting of a double bill including "Madame Butterfly" the one act tragedy by David Belasco and "John Luther Long's 'My Aunt's Advice' a clever comedy written by Blanche Bates and George Arliss.

MAJESTIC.

The Majestic Theatre will present "Held by the Enemy" during the week commencing with the special holiday matinee January 2d. It is one of the strongest attractions in the repertoire of modern plays and appeals to theatre goers as none but the greatest of stage classics have done. It is a well balanced combination of dramatic incidents, emotional scenes, clever comedy and character portrayals and is patriotic in its motives and inspiration. With such a strong presenting company as is the Majestic aggregation it can be readily appreciated that the full merits of each individual part will be brought to the highest standard. On account of the magnitude of the production of the "Held by the Enemy" the management was compelled to postpone the off ring of "Old Heidelberg" as advertised until a date to be announced.

ALCAZAR.

"Old Heidelberg" is the greatest artistic and financial success known at the Alcazar in years. The demand for seats is so great that it has been found necessary to continue the play for a second week, including a holiday matinee next Monday. An unauthorized production announced elsewhere has been abandoned and the Alcazar with a presentation that is beautiful and complete in the smallest detail, retains exclusive possession of the field. "Old Heidelberg" is an exquisite play, rich in meaning and sentiment. It compels the rapid alternation of smiles and tears, and moves its audiences so deeply that the players are summoned to with shouts of approbation at the end of every act.

lightful scene picture. John Craig gives a really great performance of the young crown prince, whose varying moods as they reduce, say, attempt to rule, self absorbed ruler are wonderfully shaded.

GRANDFATHER.

Grandfather sits in his chair in the kitchen. Grandfather, dear and me. The five urns red in the stove, I can see it. Sittler grandfather's knee. Grandmother says how he used to hold father— Same as he's now holding me. Grandmother, dear, was a pretty young lady. Father her own boy, you see. The tea kettle bubbles and boils so sleepy, Over the fire there. Grandfather tells how the Indians scalped him. That's how he lost his hair. And once a while he has a little shaver, Not as big as I am, but he has a lot. He had a squirrel that slept in his pocket, Tame as it could be.

Grandfather says he could whittle a salad. But the tea kettle bubbles so. Grandfather's voice sounds up in the attic. Quick and soft and slow. Thee and I, and the tea kettle bubbles. I have such a heavy head. I don't remember, but grandfather says that. He carried me to bed. Carolyn S. Bailey in December Good Housekeeping.

AN UNCONSCIOUS BENEFACTOR.

Ole Bill Smithers stood around. But he was a swell. Used to stop his work to say. Things about folks out our way. Used to make us all so mad. But the vector was the best. That we lived in a better place. Of his tongue—was that a secret?

Used to do our level best. Raining drops to beat the rest. Cause I did not, with many a sneer. Want no fuss class farmer here. And the very best we knew. But to tell you the truth, I was. Hushed day and night to show. That Bill Smithers didn't know.

Bill kept himself people so. That he let his own work go. Now, about all that he has got. Is mountains of the red lot. But as folks he criticized. Prospered till you'd be surprised. He was a little bit of a fool. We are much obliged to Bill.

THE FIRST KNIFE.

I'd like to go back where I lived some. I'd like to see all the kids—the kids I used to know. I'd like to find the swampy holes and in far away vacation times and hear the wild bees hum. I'd like to sit around and you can bet I'd like to find the knife I lost the first I ever had.

If I could just go back today two thousand miles or more. I'd suggest myself to where I played of yore. Behold! Pit Hay's wagon shed and I to see if I could find a crack I might have dropped it in. I saw it in the old knots every time I think of it. I'd give a lot to find that knife the first I ever had. Houston Post.

ACHIEVEMENTS.

A thing of beauty and a joy. Forever is a certain joy. How she can turn a charming boy. I can't see. Incomparably sweet her air. Her voice just trembling over twenty. With wit and tenderness to spare. Alent.

Too human far to be a saint— No saint could do things quite so hand. Not she can stretch and golf and sing. And dance some!

Her heart which some day can't be won. Is quiet in keeping with her beauty. (It is in my memory. This is a thing of the past.)

And is the future really hued? Last night I utterly subdued. Melville. Her father in Leslie's Monthly for December.

A MAIDEN'S QUESTIONS.

Were I a fragrant lily And you a bee Would I be an ardent uitor, I'd be to me. And if you found me sweeter Than clover breeze Would you forsake the lowlands And the leas? And if you stole the honey Out of my heart Would I be up you booty And deplete? Alousie C. in 'The Harem and Other Poems.'

June roses decorate many of the winter hats and are a really beautiful on one hats in an exclusive millinery window. This hat is in turban shape made of rich red velvet in a deep wine shade and on one side is a great bunch of deep red velvet roses, its only trimming.

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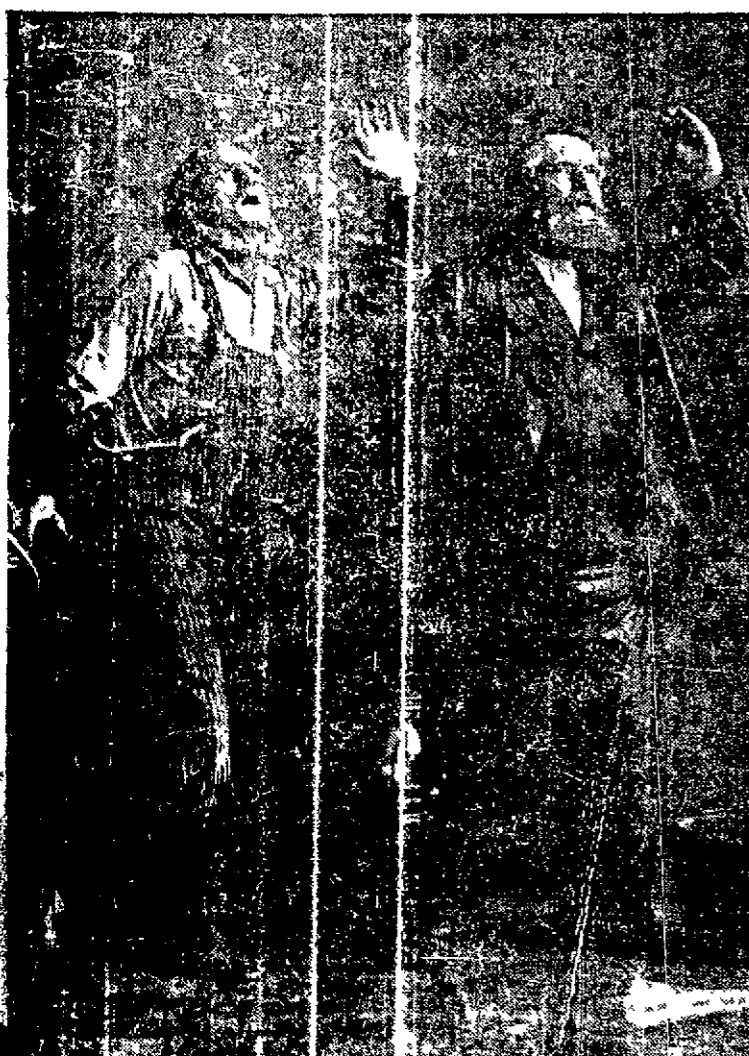
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